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OUTLINES.

The Senate committee investigation of the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Co., and the United States Steel Corporation in the report submitted stated that the President was not authorized to permit the absorption, which was in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.——Councilman John F. Klein, a member of the common council of Pittsburg, Pa., was yesterday convicted of accepting a bribe, in view of ordinances pending in councils——Twenty lives were lost yesterday when the Argentine steamer Presitente Roca was wrecked off the Argentine coast——President Carroll D. Wright, of Clark College, and former Commissioner of Labor, died last night at his home in Worchester, Mass.——The House of Representatives yesterday passed the River and Harbor bill under suspension of the rules. Keifer, of Ohio, failed in a filibuster against it——The Hughes stock exchanges investigating committee examines the receiver of the defunct firm of A. O. Brown & Co.——A bill has been introduced in the House for the erection of "The Country White House" on the Government reservation at West Point, N. Y.——Over 31,000 men will march in the inaugural parade——J. M. Dickinson, an anti-Bryan Democrat, of Tennessee, will be Secretary of War, Charles Nogel, of St. Louis, Secretary of Commerce and Labor, and R. A. Ballinger Secretary of the Interior in Taft's Cabinet——The North Carolina yesterday notified Norfolk by wireless that she had joined the battleship fleet ——A young bride of four days is murdered in Chicago, supposedly by a former suitor——The High Federal Court of Venezuela has decided that Castro is no longer President——Real estate men of the Atlantic coast States have formed an association to put a stop to immigration to the West——New York markets: Money on call nominal, time loans dull and easy. Cotton quiet, 5 points lower, middling uplands 9.80, middling gulf 10.05. Flour higher. Wheat irregular, No 2 red 1.21 elevator. Corn steady. Oats firm. Rosin and turpentine steady.

It is probable that Roosevelt kept the country out of trouble by butting in in that California affair.

Taft may have put the lock on the Panama canal, but Congress will hold the key to it in the matter of making the appropriations.

The people have all confidence in the present Legislature; but, all the same, they will feel easier when it adjourns.

If Judge Gary is not trying to fool somebody, then the great United States Steel Corporation is not having everything its own way in the markets.

Those election laws passed by the Tennessee Legislature must have been mighty tough for Governor Patterson in his veto message to class them with the "Force Bill."

When Maxim's noiseless guns come into general use, the expression big guns in politics will no longer be applicable to our loud-mouthed politicians.

That was an unusual proceeding on the part of the Virginia judge who sentenced a negro to death upon his confession and without the formality of a verdict by a jury.

The Guilford county delegation which goes down to Raleigh this week expecting to carry the State buildings back to Greensboro with them will be disappointed we expect.

Georgia may be expected to get clean off the earth, now that it is known that Taft will be the guest of her cadets the very evening of his inauguration.

We propose that when the State capital is moved to Greensboro or some other western town the State of East Carolina shall be formed with Wilmington as its capital.

If Cuba goes to passing any such law as the proposed one against foreigners owning property on the island she need not be surprised to feel a pretty heavy jerk by Uncle Sam on that string he has tied to her.

The Durham Herald does not believe the passage of the trust bill would have the effect that either side is claiming; and we expect it comes nearer being right than any of the opposing parties to the contest.

Some people who have visited the State Capitol lately say that if the Legislature can't be induced to provide for the enlargement of that building, it could improve its appearance by having some cleaning-up done.

If the condition of the tobacco growers is so deporable and the Tobacco Trust can't be run out of the State by legislation, then all the other people ought to be willing to be taxed to raise tobacco bounty for that class of farmers.

SPRINGER DECLINES

...l Not Enter Knock Down and ...ag Out For Mayoralty Nomination.

ANOTH... IS PRESENTED

Capt. Walter G. MacRae Consents at Solicitation of Large Delegation to Allow His Name to Go Before the Primary.

Library of Congress.

Antedating even the call for the primary, which will not be made until noon tomorrow by the City Democratic Executive Committee, came the sensation of the local municipal campaign last night, when following a meeting of some thirty or forty representative citizens at the Court House, came the formal announcement from Mayor William E. Springer that several days ago he had decided not to stand for renomination to the office which he has filled alike with credit to himself and the city for two terms, and the further announcement of the consent of Captain Walter G. MacRae for his name to be presented as a candidate for the position.

Although a few very close friends and supporters of Mayor Springer knew of his contemplated action several days ago, his formal announcement that he would not stand for renomination will come to the general public as a thunderbolt from a clear sky, as it was generally believed that the race for the Mayoralty would be between him and Alderman Martin O'Brien. None the less a pleasant surprise to his friends was the announcement that Captain MacRae had consented to make the race and it is safe to say that he will command a very large support not only from among the friends of Mayor Springer but from the general public as well. The official announcement of Mayor Springer, which was not made public until after the meeting last night, is as follows:

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 20, 1909.

To the Public:—When I stated some ten days ago in response to insistent inquiry from the newspapers that it was my purpose, at the proper time to announce that I would stand for renomination to the high office with which the people of Wilmington have twice honored me, I was then inspired by the hope and belief that my feeble efforts to correctly administer the affairs of our city government would at least sufficiently commend my administration to the people of our city as to permit me to gratify incidentally a personal and, I may say, a pardonable ambition to see some of the several larger enterprises inaugurated during my last term, finally and successfully consummated under my administration, without the necessity of my plunging into a "knock-down-and-drag-out" fight for the nomination.

Since my previous expression in regard to this matter, circumstances seem to have decreed otherwise than that I should be permitted to see a fruition of these undertakings, in which I may modestly claim some little credit for having helped to inaugurate, without going entirely counter to my personal inclinations and plunging into the worst sort of a heated political campaign for the office, however not fearful of the result, and rather than undergo an ordeal of this kind and at a sacrifice of time and business, give another two years of my life to the service of the city, after having already enjoyed the honors of the position and having given to the city the very best that was in me, I must now respectfully decline to stand for a renomination and take this occasion to thank my friends for their assurances of support and the kindly co-operation they have afforded me in making my past administrations whatever of a success they have been.

As expressed to several of my friends nearly a week ago, I take this step with a full knowledge of the difficulties that beset the pathways of both the successful and the unsuccessful in a political upheaval such as our city is about to undergo, having four times experienced it, and it has been only in deference to these friends that this public announcement was not made several days ago. Having twice been honored with the office which I have from the bottom of my heart, sought to administer to the very best of my ability, and for the best interests of all the people of Wilmington, regardless of whether they were for or against me in these biennial contests for the "survival of the fittest," and pledging to the city always the best that is in me in private or public capacity, I beg to remain,

Faithfully,
WM. E. SPRINGER.

The meeting last night was composed of representatives of all the wards in the city and it was stated by a committee appointed to furnish the information to the press that after fully discussing the matter of a candidate upon whom all could unite and support, that Captain MacRae was at once settled upon and members of the conference called upon him at his home on Fifth street. Several gentlemen, acting as spokesmen for the delegation, presented the matter to Captain MacRae as a demand upon his

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BIG ATHLETIC BENEFIT

High Class Entertainment Tomorrow Night in High School Auditorium. Programme in Two Parts. The Features.

The athletic benefit in the High School auditorium tomorrow evening beginning at 8:15 o'clock, promises to be one of the chief features of the Washington's Brithday celebration in Wilmington. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund to liquidate the football indebtedness of the past season when the team played exceptionally fine, but was not sufficiently well known to draw the patronage it deserved.

The first part will consist of a programme by pupils of Miss Cannie Chasten, assisted by a few friends and a chorus of students for a flag drill making prominent the Washington birthday feature, Miss Lila Williams being the accompanist. This will be the opening number, followed by a pantomine, "Star Spangled Banner," Miss Annie Cavenaugh. The remainder of the first part will be as follows:

Seeonde Mazurka (Violin).....
....Weiniawski
Mrs. Norma Foster Edwards.
The Nighingale (Soprano Solo)....
....Nevin
Miss Lucy McIntosh.
Valse in d Major (Piano).....Schutt
Miss Katie Foard.
"Die Lorelie" (Baritone Solo)...Liszt
Mr. James Wesley White.

The second part will consist of a presentation of "The Ancient Mariner," Coleridge, by the School of Expression, introducing pupils of Mrs. Curtiss-Arnall North. Those will essay the several parts will be Miss Eunice Andrews, Mr. Vaughan Smith, Miss Lucy Behrends, Miss Hazel Miller, Miss Madge Brand, Miss Annie Leah Mercer, and Miss Mary Houston.

A rare treat is in store for all who attend this entertainment. The admission to the general public will be 25c and to school children 15c. No more than the comfortable seating capacity of the auditorium will be sold, therefore tickets should be secured at once.

THE ATLANTIC CAFE.

Extensive Improvements to Popular and Most Attractive Place.

Messrs. Gieschen Brothers, the proprietors, have recently made extensive improvements to the Atlantic Cafe, opposite the union depot, and it is now one of the prettiest and most inviting places in the State. The Cafe has just been handsomely repapered, repainted and beautiful, new oak fixtures have been installed. The proprietors are now better than ever prepared to serve their friends and the general public with quick lunches, steaks, chops, roasts, fish, oysters, etc. For the benefit of those leaving the city on the early trains, the cafe is open at 4 A. M. daily and does not close until 1 A. M., when the late trains are usually in. The personal attention and the best of service that one gets at the Atlantic is rapidly bringing it into popular favor for people all over town and for the traveling public especially. A little later Messrs. Gieschen Brothers propose to make a specialty of business men's lunch from 12 to 2 P. M. daily.

Arrests For February.

For the first twenty days in February the arrests by the police show a remarkable falling off in the number of arrests from the same period during the corresponding period last year. Up to and including February 20th, the arrests for all causes this year were 28 while up to and including the 20th last year, 94 arrests were made. This affords striking evidence that of all the arid territory in North Carolina, Wilmington is without a doubt the "driest" spot. It is the testimony of traveling men that nowhere in the State is the lid down tighter than in Wilmington since the State prohibition law went into effect.

Real Estate Transfers.

Deeds filed for record yesterday: B. O. Stone and wife to Jurgen Haar, for $1,000 and other considerations, property on west side of Sixth, 99 feet south of Nun street, 33x105 feet in size. E. J. W. Anders and wife and W. D. Pugh to Marsden Bellamy, Jr., for $33, property on west side of 16th, 132 feet south of Marstellar street, 33x165 feet in size. W. F. Alexander and wife to Thos. H. Wright, for $100 and other considerations, property on south side of Princess street, 30 feet west of 12th street, 30x150 in size.

Arrested For Stealing Wood.

On the charge of stealing wood from the lands of Mr. Geo. F. Bowen, on the Federal Point road, Alfred Wood, colored, was arrested yesterday by Constable Savage at Tenth and Market streets, and will be given preliminary trial before Justice Furlong tomorrow. The negro is alleged to have hauled the wood to town and sold it. He claims that he bought it from the son of the prosecutor. Walter P. Gafford, Esq., will represent Mr. Bowen at the trial of the case.

Funds Awaiting Investment

If you have funds awaiting investment there is no necessity for them to lie idle. The People's Savings Bank, pays 4 per cent. compound interest on deposits, and if you deposit now your interest will begin March 1st. 3t

HARD AFTER WALKER

Wild Goose Chase of Robeson Sheriff After The Brunswick County Desperado.

PROVED A FALSE ALARM

News and General Notes of the Week at Lumberton—New Cotton Mill at St. Paul's—Other Items of Robeson County.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, Feb. 20.—One day this week Sheriff McNeill received a phone message from St. Paul's stating that Walker, the Brunswick county desperado, had been located in a swamp about three miles from that town. The Sheriff lost no time in securing a special train to go after Walker. Arriving at St. Pauls everything was all excitement. A stray horse had been taken up in the vicinity and the gentleman who took up the animal led him back over his track trying to locate the owner. He followed the tracks to the edge of the swamp and upon looking around closely discovered away in the swamp a white tent. He hastened to St. Pauls to report his find, and the Sheriff was phoned for hurriedly. A crowd of well armed men soon had the tent surrounded, and when they had approached near enough they found that two pines had fallen across each other lodging in such a position as to look from a distance like a white tent. The trees had been in that position long enough for the bark to fall off and the sap turn white. Some thought it awful funny but the Sheriff did not see it that way. He received a letter from Bellamy yesterday morning stating that Walker was thought to be in that vicinity.

The Demorest Comedy Company will close a week's engagement at the Lumberton Opera House tonight. The company is the best popular price show seen here this season, and was greeted Monday night by the largest audience which ever witnessed a play in this town. The plays presented have been excellent and the specialties between the acts a feature. The company is composed of ladies and gentlemen, and it will always be welcomed by patrons of the play house here.

Contractor Chand Baker has secured the contracts for the erection of elegant new residences for Messrs. J. R. Poole and A. T. Parmele on North Main street. Material is being placed on the grounds.

The large tobacco warehouse near the Seaboard station is being repaired and improved to be in readiness for the approaching season.

Mr. John B. Pope, who has been doing relief work for the Western Union at Bedfort City, Va., for some time, returned home this week much pleased with his trip.

The stores of Messrs. John T. Biggs & Co, and Blacker Bros, have been greatly improved by having the fronts remodeled, and the show windows much enlarged.

Mr. J. N. Catoe, who has for several months been with the Seaboard at this place, has resigned his position and left this week to take a similar position with the Southern. On account of the change, Mr. T. E. Petty again becomes ticket agent, and Mr. Arthur Shooter takes Mr. Petty's place in the freight department.

Machinery for the new cotton mill at St. Paul's has been passing through Lumberton for several weeks, two and three cars at the time.

Mr. McKay Ivey, residing near Back Swamp, five or six miles from Lumberton, was found dead in bed last Saturday night. He lived alone most of the time and is supposed to have died on Friday night. He was about 72 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bass, of Charlotte, have been spending some time with relatives in this section.

Professor T. P. DeGafferelly, manager of the Williams Comedy Company, will open and continue to operate a moving picture show in the Lumberton Opera House, beginning March 15th, thus giving the amusement loving people of Lumberton the much needed and long looked for opportunity and pleasure of such a place. The management has been assured of the best, latest and most expensive films produced and success is already promised the coming event of our Summer season amusements. Professor and Mrs. DeGafferelly have been visiting Lumberton with the Williams Company every season for several years and have many warm friends here who will give them a most cordial welcome.

By reference to the records it will be seen that there is still hope for many old maids. During the past few days marriage license have been issued for four couples—three white and one colored—whose combined ages foot up 363 years. W. H. Fisher, of Tolarville, 68 years, is the first. Then follows J. S. Carter, 47 to Cattie N. McNeill, 36; John H. Conoly 49, to Flora McNeill, 30. The colored couple was Sim McNeill, 48, to Nepsey Thompson, 43.

Little Welt Wisnart, who has been spending some time with relatives in Charleston, returned home Thursday night.

Extensive improvements are being made in the store of The Pope Drug Company, which will add much to its already handsome inside appearance.

Mr. James Lamano, formerly of Wilmington, has opened up a junk business here and seems to be kept busy.

Tom Pate, a young white man, was arrested here Wednesday on the charge of retailing, and was carried to Maxton Thursday for a hearing before United States Commissioner B. F. McLean. In default of a $200 bond he was put in jail to await the May term of Federal Court which meets in Wilmington. Pate was represented by Mr. T. N. McDiarmid.

Mr. S. H. Hamelton has shown us an old railroad ticket which was recently found among some papers of a deceased uncle. It was issued on March 10th, 1894, from Lumberton to Pembroke, and was evidently not taken up by the conductor. The tickets used for Pembroke at that time had to be written in part and thinking the handwriting was very familiar we showed the old ticket to Mr. J. H. Wishart, who was at that time in the service of the Seaboard, and he at once recognized it as being some of his work.

This section was visited yesterday by regular Summer thunder showers.

BILL PASSES THE HOUSE

Wilmington River and Harbor Improvements Secure at Present Session of Congress—Welcome Washington News.

Hip! Hip! Hooray! and thrice Hooray!

A telegram yesterday afternoon to President James H. Chadbourn, of the North Carolina Waterways Association, brought the welcome intelligence from Congressman Godwin that the river and harbor bill, including the Wilmington projects, had just passed the House, and with men of such influence as Messrs. Simmons and Overman in the Senate there can be no doubt of its fate in the upper branch of the National Congress.

Mr. Godwin has scored a magnificent triumph for the entire people of the State in securing the acceptance of the Cape Fear projects in his district and President Chadbourn, in speaking of his services last night was enthusiastic in his praise of the work of the Sixth District Representative. The telegram from Mr. Godwin is as follows:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 20th.
"Jas. H. Chadbourn, President North Carolina Waterways Association, Wilmington, N. C.

"River and Harbor bill just passed the House. I congratulate you and the public upon the ample provisions for your port.

"H. L. GODWIN, M. C."

The information was supplemented later by an Associated Press telegram received by the Star as follows:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 20.—The River and Harbor bill was passed by the House today under a suspension of the rules, after Mr. Keifer, of Ohio, had inaugurated a full fledged filibuster against it in the expectation of securing an amendment providing a survey of the proposed Ohio and Erie Canal."

COLORED MAN SHOT.

George Ward Painfully Wounded—Assailant is Fugitive.

A disagreement between George Ward, colored, and another member of his race resulted in a shooting affair in the planing room of the Angola Lumber Company, on Friday morning between 6 and 7 o'clock, the former having sustained a painful wound in the hip inflicted by a bullet from a 32-calibre pistol.

The shooting took place soon after the men went to work. The negro having become enraged with Ward, pulled his pistol and fired and immediately fled to parts unknown, while Ward was brought to the hospital in this city and was given surgical attention by Dr. Wellstead. The wound inflicted was only slight, but intensely painful. Ward was shot from behind, the bullet passing through his right hip and was later found by him in his sox. He was able to leave the hospital and go to his home yesterday. The shooting was kept rather quiet and the police have been unable to apprehend the fugitive.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING.

Rev. Mr. Crowley Will Deliver Address to Men at Bijou.

The men's meeting at the Bijou this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, will be addressed by Rev. J. S. Crowley, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian church, in the absence of Evangelist William Black, who is unable to attend.

The excellent collection of pictures, presenting the "Story of a Wonderful Life," will be in addition to the address by Rev. Mr. Crowley and men of the city are invited to attend. Mr. Greene Fenley will sing at the conclusion of the address.

Murderer of Officer Monroe.

Strenuous efforts are being made throughout the State to apprehend John Jackson, colored, who murdered Officer W. A. Monroe, at Salisbury, last week, the local police department having received information and a description of the fugitive, for which a reward of $150 is offered. The negro shot and seriously wounded the officer when he attempted to arrest him and death resulted a few days thereafter.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

Saturday Sessions of Both Houses Yesterday Without Any Special Incidents.

ELECTROCUTION IS URGED

Bill by Mr. Underwood in the House. Measure Affecting Fraternal and Mutual Insurance Societies. State's Indebtedness.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—Both houses of the General Assembly were without especial interest today. The matter of chief interest, perhaps, was the passage of a bill by the House of Representatives providing for all executions in North Carolina to take place in the State prison and to substitute electrocution for the gallows. The outlook is that the bill will pass the Senate and become law.

In The Senate.

The Senate convened at 10:30, President Pro Tem Kluttz in the chair. Prayer was by Rev. W. McW. White, of the Presbyterian Church.

Among the new bills were:

Elliott, to secure reasonable revenue to the State for vacant lands.

Doughton, to amend Revisal as to duties and powers of notaries.

Poole, to amend charter of Salisbury, Fayetteville and Coast Line Railroad Company.

Kluttz, to forbid the sale of certain narcotic drinks to habitues and repeal clause of Chapter 77, Acts of 1907.

Bills passed final reading: Authorize bonds by commissioners of Richmond county; amend charter of Aberdeen and Ashboro Railroad; House bills to encourage destruction of hawks and owls in Columbus county.

New bills out of order were introduced as follows:

McCall, to authorize domestic and trust and bonding companies to issue their own bonds.

The substitute for Manning bill as to the custody of securities deposited with the State Insurance Department by the insurance companies doing business in this State passed second and third readings without opposition. It provides that those securities be delivered to the State Treasurer for safe keeping.

The House bill by Morton to enforce separation of white and colored prisoners during meal and sleeping hours came up but it being evident many amendments would be offered as regard the application to counties, the bill went over another day. It makes it a misdemeanor for any county officer to violate the provisions which apply to both State and county prisoners.

The bill for a new county of Avery out of the eastern half of Mitchell was made the special order for Monday instead of today because so many Senators are out of the city.

Bills final reading resumed: House bill, to authorize Newbern and Craven county to appropriate $50,000 in commemoration of the bicentenial of the founding of Newbern; Compel express companies to make prompt settlements on C. O. D. shipments, the Merchants' Association bill; House bill, to prevent obstruction of certain creeks in Bladen county; appoint cotton weighers for Smithfield; House bill, to appoint cotton weigher for Red Springs township, Robeson county and provide future election.

The Solicitors salary bill by Senators Ormond and Blow was reported favorably during the morning hour with a salary of $2,500 specified, was made the special order next Thursday.

Additional bills introduced out of order:

Clark, of Bladen, to improve public roads in Holly township and regulate trapping in Holly township.

Elliott, to provide Australian ballot for elections in North Carolina.

At 1:10 o'clock the Senate adjourned till noon Monday.

In The House.

Speaker Graham called the House to order at 10:30, with prayer by Dr. W. C. Tyree, of the Baptist Church.

A petition was presented by Koonce, from citizens of Onslow asking an amendment of the oyster law as to "coon" oysters.

Among new bills introduced:

McDonald, of Moore, to authorize Southern Pines to issue bonds to refund bonded indebtedness.

Gordon, to issue bonds to carry out Act of 1907 relative to care of insane. The amount is $500,000.

Gordon, to prevent advertising for sale articles to prevent conception.

Koonce, to authorize commissioners of any county where experiments are made by the Department of Agriculture and by donating land or otherwise.

Everett, to amend law relative to cotton weigher in Laurinburg.

McLeod, to amend State pension law by increasing pension tax to six cents.

Bailey, to amend Chapter 349, Laws of 1903, relating to giving and filling prescriptions.

Braswell, to prevent indiscriminate manufacture and sale of duplicate switch lock keys.

Doughton, to amend Law of 1907

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A LONG EXTRA SESSION.

Congressmen are anticipating a very long sitting of Congress in the extra session—extending well into the Summer. They must expect a good deal of legislation in addition to the tariff revision or a very determined fight over that measure. Senator Frye writes to friends at home that he is looking forward to being detained in Washington during the entire summer. He had made his arrangements for his summer outing, but has canceled them. He was to camp at Lake Mooselookmeguntic. If we had to make a choice for summer residence between Washington and a place with such a name as that we believe we would choose the former.

If Senator Frye is correct in his supposition as to the length of the session it means that an effort will be made to really revise the tariff in a way that term is usually taken to mean—that the opponents of the present high duties will make a stand for reductions in many of the schedules and that these efforts will be bitterly fought by the stand-patters, who do not construe the term "revision of the tariff" to mean necessarily a reduction of any of the present rates of duty.

When the tariff question does come up in Congress we hope the Democrats will not act simply as opponents of measures advocated by the stand-patters, but will make an aggressive fight for tariff reduction along lines of their own; that they will stand for certain principles and do all in their power to enforce those principles. They should let the country know that they are for tariff revision because it is right, and not simply make themselves obstructionists to whatever measures the Republicans propose.

Of course, all tariff revisions are in the end compromises, and neither the Democrats nor the Republicans who advocate reductions in some of the schedules will be able to get all they want; they will have to make some compromises with the stand-patters; but we want to see the Democratic wing of the low tariff faction in Congress fight and fight stubbornly for what their platform calls for, thereby showing they were in earnest when they adopted that plank and consider it a political principle and not merely an empty phrase incorporated in the platform to catch votes.

THAT CAPITAL MOVING SCHEME.

"It's no joke" the Charlotte Chronicle says about that proposition to move the capital from Raleigh to Greensboro. It says that when it is finally decided to build a new Capitol the Greensboro proposition is likely to be seriously considered; that Raleigh's only claim to the capital is tradition, while there are many things it should claim but cannot; that Greensboro is near the center of the State and in that respect possesses a powerful argument over Raleigh.

If Greensboro is counting on getting the capital only when a new State House is built, the present generation of her citizens are taking a mighty useless burden on themselves to go to work on the proposition; they should leave it to their descendants of the third or fourth generation at least.

The Raleigh and Charlotte newspapers have already begun poking fun at each other on this subject. In answer to this friendly slap from the Evening Times:

"Greensboro stole a march on Charlotte yesterday by putting in a bid for the State capital. But in after years, when the Charlotte papers refer to the matter, it will be strange if they do not speak of it as the time 'when there was talk of moving the capital to Charlotte.'"

the Chronicle makes the following boastful reply:

"No; that would not be correct, for there has been no such talk. But if the Queen City ever gets ready to go after the capital the papers will thereafter refer to the year it was moved to Charlotte."

Woman's Home Companion for March contains more reading matter that the numbers usually do, and it is above the average of this always interesting publication. This number is a beauty, in fact. The contents of the fiction department are entertaining and the departments of "Household and Fashions" and of "Art and Music" are all that any woman could desire. This magazine is published by the Crowell Publishing Company, Metropolitan Annex Building, Madison Square, New York, at fifteen cents a copy or $1.25 a year.

Popular Mechanics for March contains and illustrated article on the Chicago submarine tunnel and the fire in the crib which was so disastrous to human life. Another interesting article is on the earthquake in Italy. The magazine, which contains nearly three hundred pages, has many other articles of interest to the general reader as well as to the mechanic and the man of science. This periodical is published by the Popular Mechanics Company, at No. 225 Washington Street, Chicago, the price 10c a copy, or $1.00 a year.

Of what use are bank examiners if a bank official can for years carry on systematic embezzlement until his peculations reach over one hundred thousand dollars in a comparatively small bank? and what are the directors, who are supposed to supervise the business of the bank, doing all that time in the way of performing their duty?

In the pending bill for increase of the appropriation to the State Guard wouldn't it be fair to provide that, in future, when there is not money enough to pay the staff officers a month or more salary and the line officers and privates for ten days for services at encampments, the pay of the former instead of the latter should be scaled?

"Roosevelt served as President for nearly seven years and he didn't ask Congress to appropriate $12,000 for automobiles for the White House."—Fairmont Messenger.

But, bless your innocence, Brother, how many times twelve thousand dollars has the Government spent on the White House stables during those seven years.

John G. Wooley, who was the candidate for President of the Prohibition party in 1900, has withdrawn from that party saying it has accomplished its purpose in making Prohibition a national issue; in other words, it is now fully recognized by the other parties as a political measure.

When a man hangs around the legislative halls in the interest of a bill the majority party bosses don't want passed he is a vile lobbyist; but if he is engineering a measure the bosses advocate, he is a humanitarian, laboring in the cause of the people.

Colonel Cooper has got to do some mighty hard swearing to overcome the impression created by the testimony of the State's witnesses and convince the public that self-defense necessitated the killing of Senator Carmack.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—It does not appear to be so much that Margaret Illington has discovered incompatibility between Dan Frohman and herself, as that it has dawned upon her how much more compatible with her present state of mind is the fellow she will marry when a divorce has been granted. It was just the same way with the Gould-Boni-Sagan woman, ditto with the Corey man.—Virginian-Pilot.

—Public opinion alone is adequate to the business of judging what the public shall enjoy or suffer. Public opinion is the only true regulator of a people's manners or its morals. There is too much attempt to regulate everything in this country by law. Not censors, commissions, nor courts can regulate moral standards or matters of taste and custom. Public opinion alone can regulate them, and if it were allowed an opportunity to do its work in such matters this country would not be—what it is today—a land of the greatest amount of law and the least liberty in the world.—Washington Post.

—It will be necessary for the poets of the future to revise imagery as they describe the conflicts of arms. Furious Frank and fiery Hun no longer struggle under a sulphurous canopy. The lines of Tennyson in celebration of the exploit of the Light Brigade will become archaic. Soldiers on the eve of the battle will not continue to dance until the roll of distant guns summons them from their partners. The battlefield during the most tremendous grapple may be as smiling as a plain of Provence, and the song of the birds may be heard as missiles weighing a ton are hurled through the air.—New York Globe.

—It need hardly be observed that the people of the United States, and not the temporary occupant of the White House, contribute the millions of money for completing the Panama Canal. The right of the people, therefore, to full information as to this expenditure and the methods of canal construction depend neither upon Congress nor upon the Administration. To prate of this disloyalty of those who differ with the authorities on this subject is a rather bad beginning on the part of Mr. Taft. There is nothing more welcome to a free man than free speech.—Philadelphia Record.

—The county option liquor issue has been revived in the Indiana Legislature by the Democratic majority. The county option law was enacted by a Republican legislature, at a special session called by Gov. Hanley during the recent Presidential campaign, and the ensuing success of the Democrats at the polls in winning both the Legislature and the governorship was due largely to dissatisfaction with the Republican performance of passing the law. But it is a matter of doubt if the law will be repealed, since several of the Democratic members are not in sympathy with the repeal movement.—Savannah News.

—Senator Beveridge told the Tariff Commission Convention at Indianapolis that a permanent tariff commission is "inevitable," because the committees of the legislative body of which he is a conspicuous member "cannot do the work." They do not know enough and are incapable of acquiring the requisite knowledge. He gave positive assurance that the new tariff to be framed at the special session of Congress will be "the best ever," but it "will be historic in this: that it will be the last American tariff created without the aid of a tariff commission," to furnish Congress with the needed information and "make classifications" for it. The convention itself was not quite so cocksure, but it imperatively "demanded" the "immediate creation of a permanent tariff commission," in the name of "223 agricultural, civic, commercial and industrial bodies," representing 42 States, and told Congress just what it wanted the commission for.—Journal of Commerce.

—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, who becomes more philosophical as he grows older, looks beyond a permanent tariff commission charged with regulating duties to an industrial court charged with regulating prices. The suggestion has been received not altogether seriously in some quarters; yet it is perfectly logical. There is really no half-way house between free competition and governmental regulation. If by taxing imports we guarantee the manufacturer his reasonable profit, practically eliminating competition, and he then takes advantage of his opportunity to maintain exorbitant prices because of his monopoly, then more law must be brought into play to protect the consumer. In other words, when once the ordinary course of economic processes is disturbed, and commerce is artificially deflected, then there is cumulative pressure for the means of continuing the artificial flow. Mr. Carnegie's idea should not be laughed at. The reasonable profit theory may lead to even more grotesque results.—Providence Journal.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Doesn't she ever stop talking?" "Oh! yes; when she's breaking in a fresh piece of gum."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—Tommy—Pop, what is the difference between a cook and a chef? Tommy's Pop—About $20 a week, my son.—Philadelphia Record.

—Patience—Don't you think she'd make a pretty bride? Patrice—Well, I think she'd be willing to take chances on it.—Yonkers Statesman.

—"Why don't you put your spare time in the box?" "My dear old chap, it's the only thing that'll hold the wife's hat!"—The Bystander.

—"What's that 'mantle of Elijah' I frejently see reference to?" "Don't know, but if has lasted all these years it can't be a gas mantle."—Kansas City Times.

—The Angler—Is this public water may man? The Inhabitant—Ay. The Angler—Then it won't be a crime if I land a fish?? The inhabitant—No; it'll be a miracle.—Sketch.

—She—Anything that is worth winning is worth working for. He—Yes, but the question is, will your father thaw out, or will I have to keep on working for you after I've won you?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

—"Do you think that most men nowadays worship money?" "No, I won't go as far as that," answered the home-grown philosopher, 'but I will say that the love of money is seldom platonic."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

—Friend—What—you pawned your overcoat to get canvas for your painting? Artist—Yes. Friend—And how much did you get for the picture? Artist—Nearly enough to get my overcoat out.—Cleveland Leader.

—De Young—I hear you and your young wife are on the outs. Oldgold—Yes,. De Young—Haven't you made any advances toward a reconciliation? Oldgold—Oh! yes; I've made an advance of several thousand dollars.—Chicago News.

—"I told one of her friends that she looked young for her age and she got angry." "Couldn't you fix it up?" "I tried to; I told another of her friends that she is not as old as she looks, and now she doesn't even speak to me."—Houston Post.

—Near-sighted Guest (at banquet) I presume the next thing will be a long and tiresome speech from some talkative guy. Man Sitting Next—Oh! I suppose so, I'm the talkative guy that has to make the speech.—Chicago Tribune.

DIES BY BURNING HERSELF

Concord Woman Commits Suicide by Fearful Means.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Concord, Feb. 19.—Mrs. Alida Burkhead, widow of John Whitfield Burkhead and a daughter of the late Capt. John Woodhouse, for many years editor of The Concord Register, committed suicide here today by burning herself to death.

At 2:30 o'clock she complained and told her 17- year-old daughter, Miss Dora, that she wanted to lie down, going to her room at the head of the stairway. There she saturated her clothing with kerosene oil and set fire to herself. Before any one could reach her, the flames had burned the flesh on her face, neck and body to the waistband into a crisp. She was conveyed to a room in the lower part of the house, where she was attended by physicians until death, which occurred at 7:45.

The cause assigned for the irrational and shocking deed is her very bad physical condition, she having been in poor health for several years, the effects of which had somewhat impaired her mind.

The members of her family had kept close watch on the unfortunate woman for many days, but she worked the ruse today and eluded them. From all information now at hand it is inferred that the burning of herself had been planned by her for several days.

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TRAGEDY AT WADESBORO.

J. L. Fox, Proprietor of Barber Shop, Kills Stephen Watson.

(Charlotte Observer.)

Wadesboro, Feb. 19.—The store of W. N. Pinkston, located only a few blocks from the business part of town, was the scene of a murder some time before midnight last night.

The shooting occurred in the wareroom of the store and J. L. Fox, proprietor of a barber ship here, shot and killed Stephen Watson, a rural mail carrier. The only eye-witness to the killing is a negro girl ,who claims that she was standing in the door drinking coco-cola when Watson walked up to Fox and Fox shot him three times. The woman says that Watson did not speak to Fox. When the shot was fired Watson fell against Fox and knocked him down. Two of the shots took effect and either would have produced instant death. One shot passed entirely through the body and through the heart. The other lodged in the brain.

Those in the store at the time heard the shots, but paid no attention to them or to the negro woman who ran through the store and went home. The sheriff, when notified, gathered a posse and arrested Fox at his home in bed. He denied all knowledge of the murder, but his hat and eye-glasses, which were found beside the dead man, were evidence sufficient for arrest.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Fox was the murderer. Both men are well known and it was thought that they were the best of friends. They were neighbors and their families were intimate. Their wives are prostrated. Evidence that both were drinking was produced at the inquest.

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HAPPENINGS AND DOINGS

IN SOCIETY

By M. H.

Miss Sue Prince left during the past week for New York city, where she will spend several weeks the guest of relatives.

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Mrs. I. W. Murphy, nee Miss Keith Covington, arrived in the city on Friday last, where she is the guest of her brother, Mr. C. C. Covington.

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Mrs. John Hall left during the past week for Lincolnton, N. C., where she will visit at the home of her father, Judge W. A. Hoke.

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Friends of Mr. Lou Meares were glad to see him in the city during the past week, where he came to visit his mother, Mrs. Gaston Meares, at the Carolina.

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Mr. John Calvert, who is now a resident of Charlotte, spent several days in the city during the past week, where he was warmly welcomed by his many friends.

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The New York Tribune of Wednesday says: "Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones and Miss Sadie Jones will leave for their place near Wilmington, N. C., next week to remain until after Easter."

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Miss Mamie Bryan, of Tarboro, is the guest of Miss Mamie Clark, at her home on Dock street, Miss Bryan's many friends in Wilmington, are according her a most cordial welcome.

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Miss Janie Cronly and Miss Agnes McQueen spent several days in Chapel Hill, during the past week, where they went to attend the February dances given by the students at the State University.

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Friends of Mrs. George P. James are glad to know that she arrived in the city from Washington, D. C., during the past week, to visit her mother, Mrs. George Peck, on South Third street.

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Mr. James R. Williams, Miss Martha R. Williams, Miss Jean Harriss and Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, of Wilmington, were among the out-of-town guests in Fayetteville Wednesday afternon for the Williams-Gilmer wedding, which was one of the society events of the season in that city.

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Mrs. Allan Nichols was the hostess of an unusually pretty dinner on Wednesday evening, when she entertained a number of friends in honor of Miss Christine Marburg, of Baltimore, who is a very popular visitor in the city, and the recipient of many pleasant attentions. Mrs. Nichol's guests spent a most delightful evening.

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A very interesting meeting of the Tuesday Evening Bridge Club was held on Tuesday evening last, when the members were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Allan Nichols and Miss Hannah Bolles, at the attractive apartments of Mrs. Nichols, at the Carolina. All of the members were present and a delightful evening was spent by all.

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Mrs. Chas. N. Evans, who is a guest of Mrs. Robert M. Denny, of Greensboro, was the guest of honor on Wednesday of the past week at a delightful entertainment given by Mrs. A. R. Perkins, of Greensboro, at her home on North Park Drive. Mrs. Perkins entertained a few of her friends at bridge in honor of Mrs. Evans and the occasion was a delightfully pleasant one for all in attendance.

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Misses Nellie and Margaret Corbett entertained at a very delightful tea on Monday afternoon last, complimentary to their charming guests, Miss Macks, of Salem, Mass., and Miss VanLill, Catonsville, Md. It was a Valentine Tea and pretty little valentine were presented to the guests as souvenirs of the occasion. The guests carried away with them memories of a most delightful afternoon.

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The February Dance of L'Agile Cotillon Club which took place on Monday evening of last week, was one of the prettiest and most delightful dances ever given in the history of the club and was gracefully led by Mr. Paul L. Cantwell. Several visiting young ladies added their presence to the occasion, and a large number of Wilmington's most popular young people partook of the pleasures of the evening. This is the last of the dances to be given until after Easter.

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Miss Isabel Smallbones was the charming hostess of a delightful luncheon on Wednesday last, given in honor of Miss Christine Marburg, when a most enjoyable time was spent by all of Miss Smallbones' guests. The color scheme was green and white and was prettily carried out in every detail. Those present were Miss Christine Marburg, Miss Amoret Lord, Miss Bessie Bolles, Miss Christine Stevenson, Miss Agnes McQueen, Miss Julia Worth, Miss Marguerite Holladay, Miss Cynthia Rountree.

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Mrs. Eugene W. VanC. Lucas delightfully entertained a number of friends at a very pretty dinner on Saturday evening of last week, complimentary to Miss Agnes McQueen. It was in the nature of a Valentine Party, and lovely bouquets of flowers were presented to all of the guests, the color scheme being yellow. Those present were Miss Agnes McQuen, Miss Sue McQueen, Miss Marguerite Holladay, Miss Isabel Smallbones, Miss Elliotte Emerson, Mr. A. S. Williams, Mr. Wm. Emerson, Mr. Bernard O'Neil, Mr. Theodore James, and Mr. John J. Blair.

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A most delightful bridge luncheon was given on Wednesday last, by Mrs. Thomas Philip Hammer, at her attractive home at Carolina Heights, and was said to be one of the prettiest and most charming affairs that has been given this season. The guests arrived at noon, and soon after their arrival, luncheon was served, following which was a most interesting game of bridge. The first prize was won by Mrs. Allan Nichols, and the second by Mrs. J. Walter Williamson. Those who enjoyed Mrs. Hammer's hospitality were Mrs. Bridgers, Mrs. J. Victor Grainger, Mrs. Allan Nichols, Mrs. Walter Williamson, Mrs. John D. Bellamy, Miss Lilla Bellamy and Mrs. Thomas Brokiun Hammer, of Philadelphia.

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Mrs. W. C. Armstrong was the hostess at a very pretty card party on Wednesday last, given in honor of Miss Beulah Armstrong, who is the guest of Miss Jennie Hardin. The color scheme was pink and green which was prettily carried out in the decorations and frefreshments. Bridge was played and the first prize was awarded to Miss Beulah Armstrong, being a pretty picture, suitable to the occasion, while the booby prize, a book fell to Mrs. Paul L. Cantwell. Those present were Mrs. George L. Peschau, Mrs. J. W. Stanly, Jr., Mrs. Harry Woolcott, Mrs. Arthur VanBuren, Mrs. William Davis, Mrs. William Tyree, Mrs. Paul Cantwell, Misses Julia Parsley, Mary Wiggins, Jennie Hardin, Beulah Armstrong, Carrie Sale Hardwick, Maria Maffitt, Marguerite Walker, Nellie Durham, Nellie MacMillan and Helen Robinson, who is the attractive guest of Miss Nellie Durham.

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Faison, N. C., Feb. 17.—The February meeting of the Sesame Club, with Mrs. M. F. Simmons as hostess, was an especially pleasant occasion, the Valentine idea being repeatedly carried out—not only by the hearts pinned on each guest as she arrived, but in the daintily appropriate refreshments with which Mrs. Simmons always tempts her guests—one of them so old and classic as to be quite new, marzipane, a toothsome concoction of which one reads in Shakespeare. The place-cards of deftly hand painted flowers by Miss Fay Pierce, which were individually appropriate to the particular birth month of each club member, made charming souvenirs which every lady will be likely to preserve. Miss Emily Hill, our late president, gave us a bright and realistic description of the ten days' trip to Cuba, from which she has recently returned. The usual roll call of quotations was marked by a preponderance of sentiment reflections in keeping with Valentines and early Spring.

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One of the prettiest weddings that has ever taken place in this city was the wedding on Wednesday afternoon, at five o'clock, of Miss Rachel Julia Solomon and Mr. Joseph Blumenthal, a prominent business man of Philadelphia. The interior of the Temple of Israel was beautifully decorated for the occasion with a profusion of plants and flowers, and hundreds of friends were gathered together to witness the beautiful ceremony. The pretty little flower children were the first to enter the church, these being little Miss Caroline Bear and Master Abraham Solomon. The bride was attended as dame-of-honor by her sister, Mrs. Henry C. Bear, and as maid-of-honor by her cousin, Miss Helen Solomon, while the bridesmaids were Miss Ethel Solomon, of Wilmington, Miss Edna Blumenthal, of Philadelphia, and Miss Edna May, of Rome, Ga. The bride was handsomely attired in white satin, trimmed with point and Duchesse lace, and she carried a lovely bouquet of lillies of the valey. It was a rainbow wedding, and therefore the bridesmaids were gowned in beautiful creations of various colors, with bouquets of flowers to match their gowns. There were many guests from out of town to witness this beautiful ceremony, and after a delightful reception, the young couple left on the northbound train, for a honeymoon trip of about ten days, after which they will be at home to friends in Philadelphia.

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The much heralded "Slumberland" was presented during the past week to most unusually large audiences, many of whom emphasized their appreciation of its merit by a second, and in some instances even a third attendance of this beautiful opera. So much has been said of the splendid work of the various principals and the wonderful work of the various groups, that it is scarcely necessary to add to the praise that has already been accorded all participating in the performance. However, special mention should be made of the spectacular scene presented in the first act by the "Little Old Men and Women," every one of whom deserve the highest praise for his or her part in the chorus. The remarkable singing of the "Man of Mystery" by his chorus completely staggered the audience and strained the very roof of the theatre—and it was good music, too. The Captain of the "Iowa" and his chorus should also be specially mentioned, not only for the graceful dancing and acting of their parts, but particularly for the splendid singing of Mr. H. R. Bates in the role of Captain Murray. Mr. Bates has been the subject of the highest commendation since the production, and his "jolly tars" have come in for a great share of the praise. The financial success of the entertainment was well assured a week before the first performance, but the most unusual attendance has far exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine and the

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General Lee's Adjutant Discusses Prize Essay of Miss Boysen. Great Tribute to South. "Truth is Mighty."

(Special to Baltimore Sun.)

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 10.—Col. Walter H. Taylor, president of the Marine Bank, whose recent book, "General Lee," is regarded highly by all students of the career of the great Southern leader, indorses the position taken by President Alderman, of the University of Virginia, in voting to award a prize to Miss Christine Boysen for her essay on Lee.

Colonel Taylor was longer and more closely associated with General Lee than any other member of his staff, having been his adjutant general from first to last. He is the last survivor of Lee's personal staff, and every member of the Army of Northern Virginia knew the signature "By command of Gen. R. E. Lee: W. H. Taylor, A. A. G."

In discussing the essay and the controversy which grew out of the award of the prize to Miss Boysen, Colonel Taylor said:

"A merely casual reading of this essay makes clear the fact that the author is of 'the other side.' The critic, therefore, in pronouncing judgment upon the excellence of the paper in a general sense, would make allowance for the point of view of the writer in the consideration of matters of historical detail, about which there has been more or less of controversy.

"A careful and critical examination of the essay, when one considers the environment, early association and education of the author, justifies the prominence that has been given it as a remarkable tribute to the rectitude and patriotism of the South and to the character and achievements of General Lee; that the first impressions of this young author, whose search after the truth appears to have been so sincere and intelligent, have yielded to the 'present estimate' of the South and of General Lee as presented in her essay, is most gratifying to me as one of the strongest illustrations I have seen of the adage that the truth is mighty and must prevail, and tends to reassure our side concerning, the history of our country during that crucial period of its existence as it will be ultimately written.

"I say this notwithstanding the fact that I recognize that the essay contains certain inaccuracies of statement of facts and an occasional infelicity of expression that mar its excellence from the Southern point of view.

"There is some confusion in the manner in which she presents her own conclusions in connection with sentiments prevailing at the North as presented in publications quoted in the text of the essay; so that it is not always clear whether she makes an assertion of fact or whether she is stating the public view as set forth in the authorities quoted. As a result, injustice has been done the young author in some quarters, which, I am confident, will be corrected upon a more thorough understanding of what she really did say.

"We of the South are especially sensitive about the designation of 'traitor' as applied to our leaders and soldiers; much more so, for good reasons, than we are about the designation of 'rebel.'

"We read in the essary: 'He (General Lee) was a traitor in that he sacrificed all to aid the enemies of his country, but so were George Washington and John Hampden and William of Orange (C. F. Adams.)'

"While I differ with the essayist as to the charge that General Lee sacrificed all to aid the enemies of his country, General Lee was not a traitor in any sense; as appears in another part of this essay, 'the soil of Virginia called him, and to that call there could be but one answer,' it is very clear that the word 'traitor' in the sentence quoted above was not used in a way intended to be offensive, and the author evidently presumed that she took the sting from the shaft by placing General Lee where Charles Francis Adams places him—in a class with Washington, Hampden and William of Orange.

"It is not fair to construe this as a bald denunciation of General Lee as a traitor.

"In speaking of the military operations of General Lee, the author illustrates the claim that his career as a general was faulty by enumerating certain charge made against him by his Northern critics, giving in the text the source of her information and winding up this portion of her essay as follows: 'He was always on the defensive—he made no vigorous attacks. The plans for his battles were narrow and incomprehensive.' For this she gives no authority and it must be presumed that she is stating her own views. I deem it only necessary in this connection to cite the attack on McClellan at Richmond the aggressive campaign against Pope, the attack on Hooker at Chancellorsville, the three days' fighting at Gettysburg and the grappling with Grant from the Wilderness to James river. Indeed, I am led to think that it was an omission on the part of the author not to have given the authority for the asserion last quoted, for later she says: 'His skill as a strategist and tactician, together with his splendid audacity, is unsurpassed in history. * * * Somehow when military skill was wanting (?) his audacity served him. * * * This was the secret of Lee's success, and for this he deserves all the credit the South gives him.' There is apparent inconsistency here. To be always on the defensive, to make no vigorous attacks, to have plans narrow and incomprehensive, is inconsistent with the display of audacity that succeeds.

"Again, to have it said that at the period when the war occurred 'intellectually the South was practically dead; most of the people were densely ignorant,' is to put in an exaggerated form the fact that an unfortunately

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By virtue and in pursuance of a decree of the Superior Court of New Hanover County made in the case of Charity Henry vs. Gracie Ann Nixon et al., the undersigned will sell to the highest bidder at public auction for cash on Wednesday 3rd March, 1909 at 12 m., at the Court House Door in the City of Wilmington, N. C., the following lots situate in said City: 1st, a lot beginning at Southeast intersection of 14th and Chesnut streets, runs East with line of Chesnut street 165 feet, thence South parallel with 14th street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Chesnut street 165 feet to East line of 14th street, thence North 66 feet to beginning. 2nd, a lot beginning in the Eastern line of Twelfth street 132 feet South of the Southern line of Wooster street, runs South along said line of 12th street 66 feet, thence East parallel with Wooster street 165 feet, thence North parallel with 12th street 66 feet, thence East 165 feet to beginning being west half lot 3, Block 56.

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SCENE BY VERNON STOCK CO.

The Academy will offer all this week what is confidently predicted will be the banner popular priced attraction of the season—the Vernon Stock Company. It will open its engagement tomorrow night, presenting the well known success "The Unwritten Law" and for the opening night the usual courtesy of ladies free will be extended.

The company comes to Wilmington from Raleigh where a most successful engagement was filled during the past week. The company is featuring as a specialty "The Coltons," in a sixteen-minute act of singing, dancing and comedy and who have been seen at the Crystal Palace and are prime favorites already in Wilmington. The Raleigh Times in speaking of them especially, said the past week: "The company has a competent corps of fun-makers. Of these the Coltons lead. Their stunts are worth twice the price of admission. Baby Elsie, a tiny little one, is a dandy little actress, as cute and winsome as can be."

The company has in its repertory such well known successes as "The Unwritten Law," "The Devil," "East Lynn," "A Runaway Match," "At the Risk of Life," "Camille," "Happy School Days," and "Slaves of Opium." Of "The Unwritten Law" with which the company will open its Wilmington engagement, the Raleigh Times of last Tuesday afternoon said:

"Raleigh is fortunate in securing the Vernon Stock Company to play here all the week. The opening performance. "The Unwritten Law," was presented to a large audience last night and every one was delighted. The company is far above the average popular price show. The scenery last night was good, each act being well staged.

"The parts were all well played, Mr. B. B. Vernon, the blind artist and Misses Turner, Griffin, Heege and Larabee all deserving mention. Miss Florence Radinoff and Miss Emma Haynes both won frequent applause, while Misses Fuller and Chambers were equally good in their parts.

"Mr. F. F. Vernon's tenor voice and the Coltons vaudeville act were added features.

"The company will no doubt draw a large crowd all the week, as every one was pleased with the opening performance and the company is well fitted to present the different attractions in the best manner."

QUEER SUPERSTITIONS

Ancient Beliefs Concerning Sneezing. Was Usually Followed by a Pious Ejaculation—Rules of Etiquette in France.

(From Southern Churchman.)

When Cicero was present at a theatrical performance in Rome he began to sneeze, whereupon the entire audience arose and with one accord cried out, "May Jupiter be with thee!"

It will thus be seen that the custom of uttering a pious ejaculation when anyone sneezes is a very ancient one. Throughout Christendom it is customary for those present to invoke the divine blessing when anyone sneezes, and the Moslem, under like circumstances, prays to Allah. In modern Egypt if a man sneeze he says, "Praise be to God!" and all present, with the exception of servants, rejoin, "God have mercy upon you!" In these cases the underlying idea seems to be the same; namely, the doctrine of invading spirits, which the pious exclamation is supposed to exorcise. Prof. Maspero says in his book, "The Dawn of Civilization," that in ancient Egypt illnesses were thought to be caused by demons who had somehow taken up their abode in the body; and the Chaldean physicians actuated by the same belief, were wont to prescribe the most nauseating medicines in order to thoroughly disgust the demon in possession and thus enforce his departure. Perhaps a relic of this notion survives in the popular preference for bad tasting remedies.

Many of the Sioux tribes of American Indians attach a peculiar importance to sneezing. If one of their number sneeze once, he believes that his name has been called either by his son, his wife, or some intimate friend. Therefore at one sneeze he exclaims, "My son." But if he sneeze twice he says, "My son and his mother."

In France the rules of etiquette formerly required that when a gentleman sneezed, all other gentlemen present should take off their hats, and when the first had recovered he had to return the salutation. Bishop Hall of Exeter, writing in 1627, records a similar custom in England.

In the Netherlands a person who sneezes is believed to thereby put himself in the power of a witch, unless someone invokes a divine blessing.

In the department of Finisterre in northwest France, when a horse sneezes, the people say, "May Et. Eloy assist you." St. Eloy being the guardian of farriers and consequently the tutelary god of horses. Grimm tells us that in the "Avadanas" or Bhuddist parables a rat is represented as wishing a cat joy when she sneezes.

After a sneeze the natives of the Fiji islands exclaim, "Mbula," that is "May you live," or "Health to you!" And the sneezer politely responds with "Mole," or "Thanks." Formerly Fijian etiquette was more exacting and required the sneezer to add, "May you club some one!" or "May your wife have twins."

The Siamese have a unique theory on the subject. They believe that the Supreme Judge of the spiritual world is continually turning over the pages of a book containing an account of the life and doings of every human being; and when he comes to the page relating to any individual, the latter never fails to sneeze. In this way the Siamese endeavor to give a plausible reason for the practice of sneezing and for their accompanying salutation, which is "May the judgment be favorable to you."

The Parsees regard sneezing as a manifestation that the evil spirits, who are constantly seeking to enter the body, have been forcibly expelled by the interior fire, which in their belief, animates every human being. When the Parsee hears anyone sneeze he exclaims, "Blessed be Ormuzd!" thus praising the Lord of Good. The Parsees are forbidden to talk while eating lest the alert demons should slip in unobserved.

British nurses used to think that infants were under a fairy spell until they sneezed. "God sve the bairn," exclaimed an old Scotch nurse when her little charge sneezed at length, "It's no warlock."

To sneeze at the commencement of an undertaking has usually been considered unlucky. According to a modern German belief, recorded by Grimm, if a man sneeze on getting up in the morning, he should lie abed another three hours, else his wife will be his master for a week.

Among the Romans it seems to have been unlucky to sneeze toward the left and lucky to sneeze toward the right. Catullus, in one of his love poems, says, "At the right then love sneezed three times. Properitus, the last of the Latin poets, thus apostrophises his beloved: "In thy newborn days, my life did golden Love sneeze loud and clear a favorable omen."

Plutarch said that the familiar spirit or demon of Socrates was simply the sneezing of the philosopher or of those about him. If any person sneezed on his right hand, Socrates felt encouraged to proceed with whatever he had in mind. But if the sneeze were on the left he abandoned the undertaking. The demon we are told, always notified him by a slight sneeze whenever Xantippe was about to have a scolding fit, so he might prudently absent himself. This was an excellent arrangement, for Xantippe had been known to upset the supper-table in her anger, and that too when a guest was present.

—Snow Hill Lacomic: Mayor Edwards threw a bombshell into their ranks last Friday when fifty or more supposed patrons of blind tigers were ordered into his court and to tell whence they got their O be joyful. We failed to learn the result.

DEFENDS DR. ALDERMAN

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large percentage of illiterary did then prevail.

"There was much ignorance in the South, but the mountaineers of the Blue Ridge and the Alleghenies no more represented the South than the rough, unlettered men of the Adirondacks and the lake regions of Maine represented the North. The impress of the Southern mind upon the several stages in the formation of our Government and the establishment of the cardinal principles upon which it was found; the character of the men who later molded public sentiment in the South; the debates in Congress; the personnel of the Southern contingent in the army and navy; the colleges and universities of the South with their long list of graduates, all go to prove that the South was not intellectually dead.

"A Northern writer, in referring recently to the fact that representative government was first established in this country at Jamestown, explained the mistake into which he and so many others had been misled in supposing that this honor belonged to New England by saying that all the histories published and used in the North were those of New England authors, and that these authors had followed the example of the Hon. Zach Chandler in politics, whose practice it was 'to claim everything in sight.' This young lady has not yet entirely overcome the impressions made by a study of the New England histories. But the few blemishes mentioned, and perhaps others of even less serious nature, should not be allowed to take from her the credit that is due for having been awarded the prize in the competition which was submitted to the judgment of three of the most competent and highly esteemed of our educators, two of whom were Southern men."

Mozart's Skull.

"If we were all constituted like Hamlet and could handle a skull as philosophically as he," writes a sentimentalist in a Hamburg paper, "we could visit the Mozart museum at Salzburg, enjoy the sights it offers and leave there without finding any fault. Unfortunately, however, we are not so cold, and therefore the protest which I make. Among the Mozart souvenirs which are pointed out to the visitor, in the same line with the old piano, letters, manuscript music, portraits, etc., is the skull of the great master. It matters little whether the skull is really that of the composer or one used for show purposes. The fact remains that in the Mozart town, in Salzburg, there seems to be no one who can make the city fathers believe that the exhibition demonstrates a lack of reverence which shocks many people."

Afloat on Hot Air.

Members of the house of representatives are fond of poking fun at the florid style of speech affected by a certain congressman, who invariably contributes much "hot air" to any debate in which he may participate.

On one occasion the politician in question ventured to air his views touching a financial act under consideration, when he drew the following ribald observation from an opponent:

"Our able and adventurous friend has undertaken to present his views upon this question. In this he reminds me of a beautiful swan breasting the sea with arched neck and wings outspread to catch the glint of the sea, moving along in serene and stately splendor, but blissfully unconscious of the unfathomable depths below."

He Explained.

At a school one day a teacher, having asked most of his pupils the difference between an island and a peninsula without receiving a satisfactory answer, came to the last boy.

"I can explain it, sir," said the bright youth. "First get two glasses. Fill one with water and the other with milk. Then catch a fly and place it in the glass of water. That fly is an island, because it is entirely surrounded by water. But now place the fly in the glass of milk, and it will be a peninsula, because it is nearly surrounded by water."

The boy went to the top of the class.

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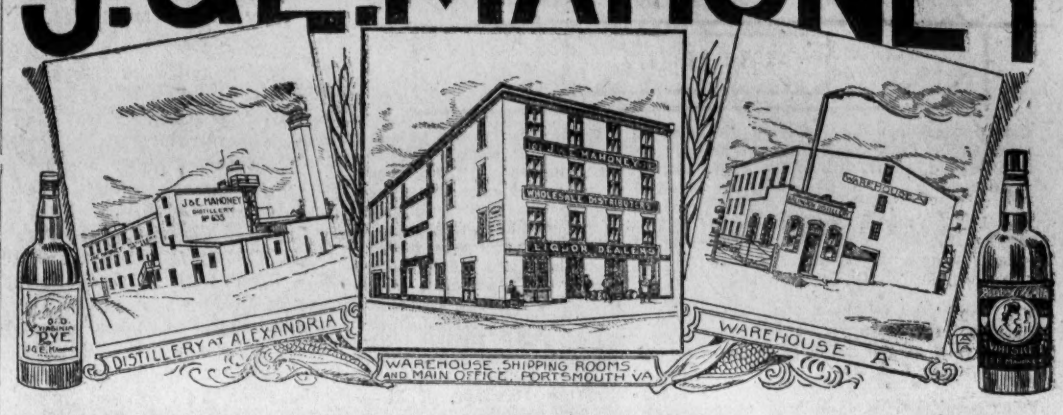

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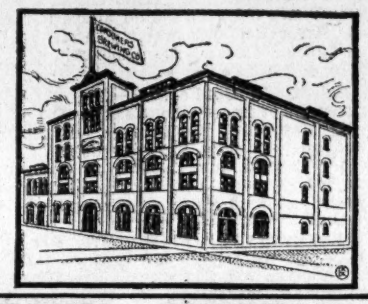

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IN SOCIETY

(Continued from Page 3.)

continuation of the charity work of the Ministering Circle of the King's Daughters, in their support of the District Nurse, is well assured. The ladies in charge of the management deserve every success they have attained, and it is a pleasure to know that their splendid efforts have been so well rewarded.

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Mrs. Thos. C. James entertained on Wednesday afternoon, at an informal tea drinking, given to her attractive guests, the Misses Haughton, of Charlotte. Miss Olivia Taylor and the Misses LeGrand assisted in receiving the guests, all of whom enjoyed a most delightful afternoon.

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Miss Helen Strange was the hostess of a very informal and enjoyable tea drinking on Friday afternoon, at which a limited number of her friends were present. Miss Lucile Murchison assisted Miss Strange in pouring the tea, and a very pleasant afteroon was spent by the guests.

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Mrs. G. Herbert Smith entertained about forty guests on Saturday evening, complimentary to Miss Christine Marburg, of Baltimore, and the Misses Haughton, of Charlotte. Fourhanded euchre was indulged in by the guests, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

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Miss Helen Robinson, who is very pleasantly remembered here as having visited Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach on former occasions, is the attractive guest of Miss Nellie Durham, for a short while. Miss Robinson has a number of acquaintances and friends here who are delighted to have her in the city.

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Miss Josephine McIlwaine, who has been the guest of Miss Nellie Durham for several weeks, left during the past few days for her home in Petersburg, after spending a most pleasant visit. Miss McIlwaine was the recipient of a number of pleasant attentions during her stay here, and her departure causes regret to a large circle of friends.

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Mrs. Wm. A. French, Jr., entertained a number of friends at a euchre party on Tuesday afternoon, the affair consisting of six tables. The decorations were very attractive, being numbers of small red hearts tastefully displayed in the parlors and appearing upon the tally cards. The color scheme of the entertainment was a combination of red, green and white, and was consistently carried out. Miss Margaret Lovell Gibson was awarded the first prize, in the nature of a beautiful water color, while Miss Mary Mack, the attractive guest of the Misses Corbett, received the visitors prize, a beautiful bunch of pink carnations. The entertainment was informal, but was greatly enjoyed by all present.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements by Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, church edifice Market and 17th streets Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon, "Mind." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, North Fourth street: Sunday School at 10 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. Geo. S. Bearden. Prayer meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor. Quinquagesima Sunday; English service 11 A. M. Vesper service 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Ash Wednesday service at 4 P. M. A cordial invitation to all. Seats free.

Services at Grace Church today: Preaching this morning at 11 o'clock and 7:30 P. M. by Rev. T. A. Smoot, the pastor. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Public cordially invited.

St. John's Church, Third and Red Cross streets, Rev. W. E. Cox, rector: Holy Communion 7:30 A. M. Service and sermon 11 A. M. Sunday School 4 P. M. Evening prayer with address 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector: Sunday services, Morning at 11 A. M. Sunday School 3:30 P. M. Evening 5 P. M.

Services at St. James' Church Sunday, Feb. 21st. Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Communion at 7:45. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Evening prayer at 5:30 P. M.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets, Elder J. P. King, pastor: Morning service 11 A. M., evening service 7:30 P. M. Sunday School 3 P. M. Prayer meeting Tuesday 7:30 P. M. Willing Workers Tuesday 3 P. M. Busy Bee Society and Children's Choir Friday 3 P. M. All are welcome.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, Rev. K. D. Holmes, pastor, Services this morning at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting at 8 P. M. Wednesday.

The hours for public worship at the Advent Christian Church today in the Hall over the Market at Fifth and Castle streets are as follows: Preaching at 11 o'clock by Elder C. T. Green; subject, "Individual Responsibility;" Rev. III-20. Preaching at 7:30 also. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. Sunday School at 3:30.

Soldier Balks Death Plot.

It seemed to J. A. Stone, a civil war veteran, of Kemp, Tex., that a plot existed between a desperate lung truoble and the grave to cause his death. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cought that stuck to me, in spite of all remedies, for years, My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely, I now weigh 178 pounds." For severe Colds, obstinate Coughs, Hemorrhages, Asthma, and to precent Pneumonia it's unrivaled. 50c. and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy.

RURAL FREE DELIVERY

Something of Its Growth and Possibilities in the South—A Call For Better Roads and Co-operation by People.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—Confident that the time is "ripe" for a more efficient postal service in the South, the appeals of the people from below Mason and Dixon's Line for increased facilities of that character will not go unheeded by Uncle Sam. Plans now being formulated by officials of the Postoffice Department contemplate the establishment during the present year of a greater number of new rural free delivery routes in the Southern States than in any other section of the country.

It has only been within recent years that the people of the South have come to realize the great benefits to be derived from the rural free delivery service. The failure to appreciate what was at that time regarded as somewhat of an "experiment," was not confined to the South altogether by any means, as other sections were not awakened to a realization of the good effects of that service.

A new spirit now, however, has come over the South and the people of that part of the country are appreciating to the fullest degree the beneficent results of the rural free delivery system. Overcoming what the Postoffice Department regarded as natural barriers to an extension of the rural free delivery service in many sections of the South, the way is now clear for establishing hundreds of new routes in various Southern States.

It is one of the requirements of the Department in the establishments of new routes that the roads shall be kept in good condition. Although the Postoffice Department has been as lenient as possible in the enforcement of this regulation in the South owing to natural obstacles, nearly half of the petitions for additional routes in the past have been rejected. Now, however, that the good roads infection is sweeping over the South, the obstacles to increased postal facilities are rapidly being removed with consequent beneficial results in that respect. One of the most potent factors in bringing about a better system of highways in the South has been the inauguration of the rural delivery service.

The South will share to a larger extent than in any other section of the country in the proposed distribution of rural free delivery service during the present year. More than 500 new routes are to be established in various Southern States, which is nearly 50 per cent. of those for the entire country.

There are now in operation in the Southern States 9,874 rural routes, or about 24 per cent. of the total number of routes in operation, which cover 237,469 miles of roads. These routes, which cost the Government a total of $8,549,218 per annum to maintain, are divided among the States as follows: Alabama, 879; Arkansas, 344; Florida, 140; Georgia, 1,533; Louisiana, 115; Mississippi, 625; North Carolina, 1,245; South Carolina, 709; Tennessee, 1,571; Texas, 1,745, and Virginia, 950. In these States rural delivery has been organized on a full county basis, in 89 counties, and is contemplated in other counties as soon as it can be arranged.

The rural free delivery service is under the jurisdiction of Fourth Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw, under whose administration that branch of the service has witnessed an enormous growth. In an interview with a representative of The Associated Press today, Mr. DeGraw furnished some interesting facts and figures on the subject of the extension or rural delivery in the South, in which he laid emphasis on the matter of good roads and the necessity of co-operation by the people in this great Government service.

APPROPRIATION BILLS.

Being Pushed Through Both Houses. One Sent to Conference.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—The Indian Appropriation bill occupied almost the entire time of the Senate today and was passed with appropriations aggregating over $9,000,000. Of this amount about $1,500,000 was added to the bill by Senate amendments. The Senate adjourned at 5:16 o'clock.

House of Representatives.

Two more of the annual Supply bills, the Diplomatic and Consular and the Military Academy measures, were passed by the House of Representatives today in a comparatively brief time. Neither excited much debate nor were they amended in any important particular. The House also sent the Pension Appropriation bill to conference.

Following a speech by Mr. Hitchcock, of Nebraska, advocating the imposition of an income tax, the Sundry Civil bill, carrying an appropriation of $137,000,000, was called up and an agreement reached whereby two hours were to be devoted Monday to general debate.

At 5:57 o'clock the House adjourned until noon tomorrow, when a special session will be held for eulogies on the late Senators Allison and Latimer of Iowa and South Carolina, respectively, and Representative Wiley, of Alabama. The fact that the House adjourned instead of taking a recess, disposed of last Monday as the continuous legislative day.

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

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Knickerbocker Trust Company, Hugh MacRae, M. F. H. Gouverneur and E. VanCourt Lucas, copartners under the firm name of Hugh MacRae & Company, Electric Bond & Share Company, Colonial Securities Company, Rockingham Power Company, Rockingham Contracting Company, Hugh MacRae, Don MacRae, J. P. Council, Burke H. Bridgers, Bettie H. Bridgers, C. W. Worth and James H. Chadbourn.

To the Knickerbocker Trust Company, Electric Bond & Share Company, Colonial Securities Company, Rockingham Contracting Company and Hugh MacRae, you and each of you are hereby commanded and summoned to be and appear at the March term of the Superior Court of New Hanover County, North Carolina, to be held at the Court House in Wilmington on the Fourth Monday after the First Monday of March A. D., 1909, it being the 29th day of March, 1909, and then and there answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff above mentioned which will be filed with said Court during the first three days of said Term, and if you fail to appear and answer or demur to the plaintiff's complaint the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

And you and each of you are hereby notified that the plaintiff above named has procured and the Court has issued a warrant of attachment against your property in the above entitled action for $65,000.00 damages for a breach of contract for the purchase of bonds and stock in Rockingham Power Company, from said defendants, Hugh MacRae & Co., Electric Bond & Share Company, Colonial Securities Company, Knickerbocker Trust Company and for procuring a dummy Corporation to be formed to squander the assets of Rockingham Power Co., and illegally procuring from Rockingham Power Co. its stocks and bonds without paying value for same, for forming an illegal voting Trust agreement and voting Rockingham Power Company's stock for the purpose of gain and profit to themselves in violation of plaintiff's rights and forming corporations controlled by them and acting for themselves and against the interest of Rockingham Power Co., and in their own interest, and in breaking the contract with plaintiff and attempting to hold him liable for difference between what he paid and what defendants were to pay as balance due on said contract and attempting to collect same before it was due and for wrecking Rockingham Power Co. for the purpose of injuring plaintiff, and illegally using the voting power of stock in Rockingham Power Co., to render worthless plaintiff's stock and as agreed to be purchased under the agreement before mentioned; which warrant of attachment is returnable to said court in Wilmington, N. C., on the Fourth Monday after the first Monday of March, A. D., 1909, it being the 29th day of March, 1909.

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February 5th, 1909.

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts	$	700,606.76
Demand Loans		32,590.00
Furniture and Fixtures		100.00
Cash on hand		1,814.62
Due from banks		118,351.04
Total	$	853,462.42

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock	$	50,000.00
Undivided Profits		41,142.09
Accrued Interest due depositors		3,500.00
Dividend outstanding		15.00
Deposits $613,040.00		
Certificates of Deposit 145,765.33		758,805.33
Total	$	853.462.42

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover, ss:

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

MILTON CALDER,
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of February, 1909.

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The Morning Star.

Sunday, February 21, 1909.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 21, 1909.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Saturday, Feb. 20:

Temperature at 8 A. M. 46 degrees; 8 P. M. 54 degrees; maximum 64 degrees; minimum 45 degrees; mean 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; for the months, 3.00 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville Friday at 8 A. M. 8 feet.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday, slightly warmer, Monday partly cloudy light to moderate mostly southwest winds.

Port Calendar—Feb 21.

Sun Rises.....6:43 A. M.
Sun Sets.....5:46 P. M.
Day's Length.....10 hrs. 48 min.
High water at Southport 8:33 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:58 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

L. Meyer—Sacrifice Sale.
Am. Nat. Bank—Accounts.
Crystal Palace—This Week.
W. B. Cooper—New Mullets.
A. D. Brown—Embroideries.
Geo. O. Gaylord—Wash Fabrics.
J. W. H. Fuchs—Spring Clothing.
S. & B. Solomon—Announcement.
Jacobi Hdw. Co.—Houses Going Up.
Concord Chapter—Special Convocation.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Stunning Garments.
Academy of Music—Vernon Stock Company.

Business Locals.

For Sale—Cottage.
Cottage—For Sale.
Wanted—Sleeping Room.
Circle No. 4—Colonial Tea.
W. J. Kirkham & Co.—Seed.
J O. Reilly—Farm For Sale.
J. O. Reilly—Home for $750
J. O. Reilly—House and Lot.
Room and Board—For Rent.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Wanted—Unfurnished Rooms.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
Dr. J. H. Moore—Notice to All.
Rooms—Rent After March 1st.
For Sale—House on Nun street
Wanted—Lady for Office Work.
Wanted—Lady to Handle Goods.
Los Angeles Cider Co.—Salesmen.
B. F. Keith Co.—To the Farmers
W. E. Merritt—Cyphers Incubators.
J. G. Wright & Son—Homeseekers
Davenport Ice Clipping Machine—Salesmen.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Miss Lucile Green has returned from an extended and very pleasant trip through Florida.

—Mr. J. A. Dew, of Currie, spent yesterday in the city and returned home last night.

—Miss Carrie E. Barker, of Baltimore, is the attractive guest of Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Harper, on South Front street, where she has been cordially received by her friends.

—Mrs. E. Grossmann and daughter, have arrived here from Stuttgart, Germany, to join Mr. E. Grossmann, who has been associated with Mr. B. H. Stephens, the architect, for several months. Their future residence will be at No. 412 Red Cross street.

—Mrs. Jos. Meares and daughter, little Miss Annis, of Asheville, who have been guests at the home of Capt. Thos. D. Meares, in this city, will return home this morning to the regret of many Wilmington friends, who had hoped for a longer visit from them.

—Chief of Police N. J. Williams, Messrs. B. D. Hamilton, W. E. Yopp, E. C. Woodberry and C. R. Anderson expect to leave this morning for Elizabeth City, where this week they will attend the State Council, Jr., O. U. A. M. They will go by Norfolk to witness the home-coming of the fleet incidental to their trip.

—Mr. T. J. Moore, formerly with the Bank of Lumberton, has arrived in the city from his home at Greenville, N. C., and becomes Teller in the Murchison National Bank. He is a young man of splendid business ability, most engaging personality and will add strength to the already fine staff of the Murchison institution.

A CANNING FACTORY

Philadelphia Expert to Address Meeting Wednesday at Court House.

There is a well grounded movement on foot looking to the establishment of a first-class canning factory in or near this city, a long felt necessity in a community where so much truck and fruit are grown, much of which goes to waste for the lack of a better disposition.

This announcement should interest farmers and business men generally. All who are interested in the building up and general progress of the community are invited to be present at a meeting at the Court House Wednesday of this week at 11 A. M. Mr. S. M. Stancliff, of Philadelphia, an expert in the canning business, is expected to be present and address the meeting. It is earnestly hoped that a good large crowd will be present.

Conduct Meeting at Phoenix.

Rev. William Black, Presbyterian State evangelist, will conduct a series of evangelistic services at Phoenix, March 2nd to March 7th, inclusive. His noted singer and choir leader, Mr. Burr, will accompany him. The public is most cordially invited.

The LeGrand.

As we are growing more and more popular each day, with the best and most up-to-date pictures, we thank the public for their patronage. Again we offer this very fine programme for tomorrow afternoon and evening, "Sporting Days in the South," and "Virginius," Song, "Can You Keep a Secret." **

LOCAL DOTS.

—Special convocation of Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., tomorrow evening to confer Most Excellent Master's degree.

—All county offices, the banks and other public institutions will be closed Monday, at least a part of the day, on account of Washington's birthday.

—In the production of Slumberland as given at the Academy yesterday afternoon Mr. Freeman Yopp took the part of one of the campus cops instead of Mr. J. C. Douglas as previously.

—The Whatsoever Circle of The King's Daughters and Sons will hold their regular monthly business meeting at Grace Methodist Church Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—"The Name 'Christian,' Should It of Necessity be Applied to a Church of Christ," will be the subject of a special sermon by Dr. Hale at the First Baptist Church tonight. All are invited.

—The Wilmington Paint & Wallpaper Co., has installed a new plate glass window at DeRosset's in place of the one smashed in the rush for seats for Slumberland on Thursday morning.

—Mr. Ray Patterson, of Cadillac, Mich., who has just completed a four-months' course at the Southern Business College in this city, has taken a position with the Roadway Department of the Atlantic Coast Line.

—Circle 4, of Grace Church, will give a Colonial Tea tomorrow afternoon at the residence of Mrs. W. B. Cooper for the benefit of the parsonage. A silver offering will be received during the evening.

—Friends will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Mr. John W. Yopp, formerly of this city, but now of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Francis Adele Herring, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Burriss.

—A permit was issued yesterday from the office of building Inspector Furlong to A. J. Beach, for the erection of a five-room house on corner of Third and Church streets, at a cost of $1,250. T. G. Landen is the contractor.

—A close finish for the Y. M. C. A. Inter-State membership contest is indicated for tomorrow night at 10 o'clock. Returns last night showed the following relative standing of the cities: Charleston 1,140, Charlotte 1,109, Columbia 425, Augusta 380, Wilmington 241, Thomasville 156.

—The Carolina Yacht Club will hold its annual meeting and election of officers Tuesday evening at 8:15 at the Court House. The regular meeting called for Feb. 15th could not be held for lack of a quorum and it is hoped there will be a large attendance Tuesday night.

—Shiloh Baptist Church, colored, Eighth and Walnut streets, will observe its 25th anniversary today with special exercises at 11 A. M., 3 and 8 P. M. There will be special sermons by the pastor, Rev. W. H. Moore. There will also be appropriate exercises on Monday to which the public is cordially invited.

—Holiday hours will be observed at the postoffice tomorrow on account of Washington's birthday. The stamp window will be open from 8 to 9 A. M. and from 5 to 6 P. M.; general delivery, from 9 to 10 A. M. and from 6 to 7 P. M.; registry from 9 to 11 A. M. The carriers will make only the early morning delivery.

—An illustrated Bible Talk from "Where God Made the World, Saved Noah and Destroyed the World," will be given at 5 o'clock this afternoon in the interest of the American Bible Society at 217 South Front street, the Free Shelter Mission. Seamen and other men are cordially invited to attend.

—There will be an oyster supper at the residence of Mr. C. R. Mason at Middle Sound Thursday night, March 4th, under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society for the benefit of the Middle Sound Advent Christian Church. The Society wishes to thank the public for its patronage in the past and respectfully solicits its presence on the coming occasion. Ice cream and other refreshments will be served at reasonable prices. It will be an enjoyable time for all who attend.

—The one thousand pupils at Union School will have an interesting fire drill on Tuesday morning. An alarm will be sent in regularly to the Fire Department from the box at the school, the Fire Department will respond and the children will go through their drill, hose will be laid, ladders extended, etc., just as if there was a fire. The practice will be under the direction of the school authorities, Fire Chief Chas. Schnibben and Chairman W. A. French, of the Fire Committee.

TO THE PUBLIC.

The announcement by the friends of Capt. Walter G. MacRae of his consent for his name to be presented as candidate for Mayor is a great encouragement to the cause of good government. Captain MacRae's consent to stand for the nomination is at much sacrifice of his personal tastes and inclinations, and is in response to a demand on his sense of duty. A good Mayor is only half of a good government—a good board of Aldermen being the other indispensable half. Capt. MacRae's sacrifice calls for a hearty reciprocation on the part of the people, and let each ward see to it that the best men are returned to the Board of Aldermen. This is a duty to both Capt. MacRae and to the public.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from Page 1.)

relative to salary of corporation clerk.

Bolton, to regulate distribution of samples of patent and proprietary medicines from house to house.

Turlington, to allow the Attorney General a law clerk.

Taylor, by request, a new charter for Southport.

Crumpler, to change time of court in Sampson county.

Mr. Underwood called up the committee substitute for his bill to provide electrocution at State's prison of all felons sentenced to death, abolishing hanging in the State. Perry, of Bladen, sent forward an amendment to substitute life imprisonment at hard labor for electrocution.

Doughton sustained on a point of order that the amendment was not germane. A committee amendment was tacked to the bill prohibiting newspapers printing anything concerning electrocution save the bare fact of execution but this was withdrawn on suggestion of Doughton, Stubbs and Hayes. It would be impossible to attach any penalty to its violation and, therefore, the provision could not be enforced as constitutional freedom of the press could not be interferred with. The bill passed its readings with neither discussion nor division.

Doughton's bill for a bond issue to pay bonded debt falling due June 1910 passed second reading, calling an issue of not less than $3,439,000. The debt falling due is for the consolidation and compromise of the State's indebtedness by the Legislature of 1879 which issued bonds to aggregate $3,427,000. The present issue will be forty years at four per cent. Additional $12,000 is to cover expense of plates and other cost of issue.

A bill to require assessment insurance companies, societies, orders to file deposit $5,000 as security with the Insurance Commissioner was up next and Speaker Graham offered an amendment to except fraternal orders. Mr. Hall, one to except mutual companies, operating within the State which made no profit. Action was deferred.

The bill of Coxe, of Anson, allowing prisoners in jail awaiting trial to be worked on roads or hired out if they are willing, time to be deducted from the sentence if found guilty, or be paid for labor if innocent. Pitt being the only county having the law now, was argued at great length and was finally tabled.

Bills passed third reading: Senate bill, consolidation of road commissions of townships of Richmond; amend laws relative to Board of Aldermen in Sanford. The House adjourned at 2:30 till 11 Monday.

Members of the General Assembly will be guests of Governor and Mrs. Kitchin at the mansion Tuesday evening next, for a reception in their honor. Other guests will be State officers, their wives and those people of Raleigh who have called at the mansion since Governor and Mrs. Kitchin were installed there.

BANK OF CARTERET CLOSED.

Corporation Commission Takes Charge of Morehead City Institution.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—The Bank of Carteret, at Morehead City, was closed this afternoon by the Corporation Commission, the assets to be held by State Bank Examiner J. Kemp Doughton until a receiver be provided by the courts. This action is the result of an examination of the bank's condition by Mr. Doughton. R. W. Taylor is president, C. Z. Webb, cashier. It has a capital of $20,000, surplus $3,700, deposits $32,000, loans $40,000, overdrafts $9,771 A discrepancy in the overdrafts brought about closing of the bank. All depositors will be paid in full it is said.

20 LIVES WERE LOST

Passenger Steamer Caught Fire and Sank Off Argentine Coast.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 20.—The Argentine steamer Presidente Roca from southern ports has been wrecked in the Argentine coast. The vessel caught fire and sank.

Press dispatches received here this afternoon state that the flames spread with great rapidity and that the steamer was headed into shore as rapidly as possible. A panic prevailed and many lives were lost. The Presidente Roca was on her way north from Puerto Madrin to San Antonio.

Official messages report that the vessel sank and about 20 lives were lost. 350 passengers and members of the crew were saved, according to these advices.

The Presidente Roca belonged to the Hamburg-South American Line. She was the largest steamer trading regularly between Buenos Ayres and the southern ports of the republic.

KLEIN CONVICTED OF BRIBERY.

Councilman Klein Indicted in Pittsburg Graft Scheme.

Pittsburg, Feb. 20.—After deliberating 20 minutes this afternoon the jury in the case of Capt. John F. Klein, charged with accepting and soliciting a bribe in connection with an ordinance pending in councils relating to the city depositories, returned a verdict of "guilty as indicted."

Attorney for Klein will appeal the case. The convicted man was released on $25,000 bail and will be tried later on additional charges of conspiracy and accepting a bribe. He received the verdict without emotion.

Klein, who was a member of the common councils, was charged with receiving a $17,500 bribe from two former officials of the German National Bank of this city. Six other councilmen were arrested in connection with the case.

Ernest Frey, a saddler, testified today that Klein had shown him $5,000 bills and remarked: "That is the way to get it."

Klein said he had never seen a $5,000 bill.

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Mrs. King Bereaved.

A telegram last night conveyed to Mrs. J. C. King the sad intelligence of the death of her brother, Rev. D. O. Britt, of Rutherfordton, N. C. Rev. Mr. Britt was a graduate of Wake Forest and the Theological Seminary at Louisville. He was a strong and vigorous preacher and his death is a blow to the denomination in the State as well as to the family, who have the tenderest sympathy of all. Besides Mrs. King there are surviving a wife and two children. His mother and father and several brothers and sisters at Lumberton. Mrs. King leaves this morning to attend the funeral.

Two Old Adages.

There are two old adages. "Haste makes waste" and "Make haste slowly," that every one should employ when they undertake to cure a cough in a few minutes with preparations containing morphine, opium, chloroform or other narcotics. They may stop the cough and cause sleep quickly, but they also dry up the secretions and constipate, leaving ofttimes a far worse trouble. Rydale's Cough Elixir is guaranteed under the Pure Food and Drugs Law to contain no opiates nor harmful drugs of any kind or character. Think about it when you or one of the children have a cough. Robert R. Bellamy.

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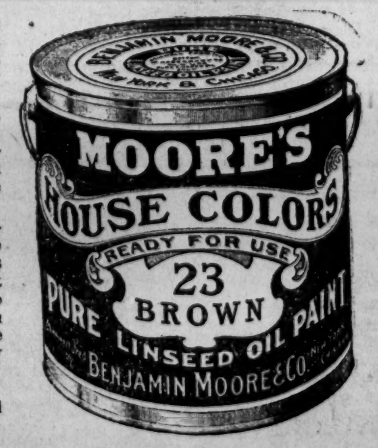

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VIOLATED THE TRUST LAW

President Roosevelt's Action in Permitting Absorption of Tennessee Company by Steel Corporation Unauthorized.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—By a vote of 3 to 2 the sub-committee of the committee on judiciary which has been investigating the merger of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company and the United States Steel Corporation today decided to report to the full committee that the Presiden was not authorized to permit the absorption. The committee found also that President Roosevelt was equally unauthorized to direct the Attorney General not to interfere with the merger and not to enforce the Federal statutes against it. It was decided also that as both companies were engaged in inter-State commerce the absorption was in violation of the Sherman Anti-Trust law. It was found that the effect and purpose of the absorption were to monopolize the iron ore supply of the country and generally to eliminate the Tennessee Company as a competitor of the United States Steel Corporation.

The fact that such a report was to be made created consternation in the Senate. It was realized that if the full committee subscribes to the findings of the sub-committee the effect would be to administer the severest of rebukes to President Roosevelt and practically to direct the Attorney General to bring proceedings against the steel corporation under the Sherman law. Leaders in the Senate make no secret of the fact that they are unwilling to go that far. Under these circumstances the full committee when it meets on Monday probably will decide to consider very carefully the possible effect of the report before deciding to adopt it. It is likely that action cannot be had at this session. The report acted upon was drafted by Senator Culberson, author of the resolution providing for the inquiry.

The report quotes from the President's message declaring that the absorption was necessary, according to the representations to him by Judge E. H. Cary, and H. C. Frick on behalf of the Steel corporation as a certain business firm of real importance in New York circles would undoubtedly fail unless the deal could be made. After giving much of the testimony on this point the report specifically denies the assertion of the President that the merger was necessary to save any important banking concern or business house in New York.

Sarcastic references were made by the committee report to the statement of Judge Gary and Mr. Frick in their interview with the President, that they did not want to buy the Tennessee concern and but little benefit would come to the steel corporation from the purchase. From the testimony it is asserted that the Tennessee property is very valuable worth probably several million dollars and would give the steel corporation control of the iron ore supply of the country and a practical monopoly of the iron and steel trade of the South.

W. A. STEWART IS KILLED

Prominent Attorney of Dunn Victim of Sad Accident.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—W. A. Stewart, of Dunn, a prominent attorney, thirty four years old, was killed tonight at the Broad Street crossing in Dunn, by a backing freight engine, shifting cars, on the Atlantic Coast Line. His body was cut to pieces.

In 1901 and in 1905 he was amember of the House of Representatives.

The German authorities do not share the grave apprehensions regarding the situation between Austria-Hungary and Servia that have been reported recently as existing in St. Petersburg and London. On the contrary, the feeling in the German foreign office has grown more confident in the past few days that Servia will submit to the inevitable, realizing the impossibility of securing any territorial indemnification from Austria-Hungary for the annexation of Bosnia and Herzgovina.

United States Deputy Marshal J. B. McAdams was killed by Webb Simmons, a white employe of the Orr Mills, at Anderson, S. C., yesterday. Simmons had been drinking and had fired several shots in the mill village, which had greatly frightened the inhabitants. When the officer endeavored to arrest Simmons the latter killed him with a double barrel shot gun.

Money

Awaiting investment need not be idle. 4 per cent Compound interest, can be earned on it during the waiting period if deposited in The People's Savings Bank. Deposits made now will bear interest from March 1st. 3t

SPRINGER DECLINES

(Continued from Page 1.)

sense of duty and after much hesitancy and great reluctance, he at length, at a manifest sacrifice of his personal tastes and inclination, consented to allow his name to be presented to the voters of the city.

It is entirely unnecessary to attempt an introduction of Captain MacRae to the Wilmington public. As sheriff for two years, immediately following the recent revolution, his capacity as a public official, his rugged honesty and his high sense of honor became known and read of all men and there can be no doubt that the element in the community which has brought him out has settled upon the strongest man open to them. And this is said with no disparagement of the candidacy of Alderman O'Brien, who numbers among his constituency some of the very best citizens of the community.

The retirement of Mayor Springer comes with great disappointment to hundreds of his friends, good and true. He has made a splendid chief executive and may retire from the high office, following the election in May with a consciousness of duty well performed. His card to the public as given above speaks for itself and he leaves the race with the plaudits of the community he has served so faithfully and so well. Few men in public life have served at a greater sacrifice of time and business interest and his administration of the affairs of government has been clean, fearless and without reward or favor to a man of his position in life. It is regretted that his personal inclinaflon and his antipathy for the strife and turmoil of another heated political battle, of which he has been the hero of more than one, prevented his entering the race and running it to a conclusion.

The friends of Captain MacRae announced that they will at once undertake an active campaign for their candidate and that a mass meeting will likely be held in the Court House on Tuesday night in the form of a ratification. With the call for the primary on Monday, the campaign is expected to open in dead earnest.

PROHIBITION BILL DEFEATED.

State Senate in West Virginia Voted Against It.

Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 20.—The prohibition amendment resolution which passed the House overwhelmingly, came up in the Senate today and the vote stood 16 for to 11 against, three being absent.

Just before noon the absentees returned to the chamber and after voting the vote was announced as 16 to 14 against submitting the prohibition amendment to the people, which settles the measure for this session. Before the Republicans and the Democrats in the last campaign had a plank in their platforms promising to submit a prohibition amendment to the people at this legislature.

WARM WIRELETS.

Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight champion, was awarded the decision at the end of a 20-round bout last night in New Orleans with Young Erne at the West Side Athletic Club. With the exception of the fifth and ninth every round was Welsh's.

A special dispatch from Patras, Greece, says that the Greek steamer Andreas, for New York, was in collision in the harbor yesterday with the Belgian Steamer Egypte. The Egypte was sunk but the crew were saved. The bows of the Andreas were damaged.

Robert Bledsoe, of Dallas, Texas, who on Tuesday last entered the home of Lawrence M. Jones, a millionaire merchant of Kansas City, Mo., and attempted to extort $7,000 from him, was sentenced to 30 years in the penitentiary yesterday. Bledsoe entered a plea of guilty to the charge of attempted robbery.

Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark College, and former Commissioner of Labor, died last night aged 69 years, at his home in Worcester, Mass. President Wright had been a sufferer from diabetes for more than two years, but that disease did not give him serious trouble until after his return from Washington on December 7th.

Rev. A. P. Doyle, rector of the Apostolic Mission House, called at the White House at Washington, yesterday and introduced to the President 25 young Catholic priests from all over the country, who are members of the class of 1909. The object of the visit was to personally thank the President for what he had done for the Catholics of the country during his administration and the "square deal" they had received.

Your Surplus Money

If deposited in The People's Savings Bank, will net you 4 per cent compound interest. Have you tried to figure out what you are losing by not placing your money where it will be earning interest. Deposit now and the interest will begin March 1st. 3t

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Sour Stomach?
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J. Frank Jarman, the enterprising Druggists of 107 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C., are having such a large run on "HUNDIPO," the new Kidney Cure and Nerve Tonic, and hear it so highly praised that they now offer to guarantee it in every case to cure all forms of Kidney Troubles and Nervous Disorders.

They pay for it if it does not give you entire satisfaction.

If you use it, it is their risk, not yours. A 50 cent box sent by mail under positive guarantee.

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

IF YOU WANT A HOME FOR $750.—Call and see me, I have a five-room house on Seventh, between Nun and Church, Lot 33x82 feet deep. Only a small amount of cash necessary. Will take mortgage for balance. Will pay 10 per cent. as an investment. James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate. fe 21-1t.

A FINE FARM FOR SALE—About one mile east of city. Contains 30 acres or more. Has a fine 7-room dwelling, one 5-room tenant dwelling, and two large barns. This property can be bought at a very reasonable price. Write or see me. Is on dummy line and faces Market street, macadam road. James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate. fe 21-1t.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE—No. 408 South Seventh street. Can be bought at a very reasonable price. Will pay 12 per cent as an investment. House in good condition, and has five rooms. Apply to James Owen Reilly, Insurance and Real Estate. fe 21-1t.

WANTED—Sleeping room, central location, reasonable rates. By young man of temperate habits. Address "A. G. W." Box 494. fe 21 1t*

CYPHERS—The model incubator, guaranteed the best hatcher, manufactured by Chas. A. Cyphers, the best authority in the world on artificial incubation. W. E. Merritt, 114 Princess street, Wilmington, N. C. sep 6 su 6m

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished room for one or two gentlemen. Rent reasonable. Apply at 708 Princess street, or 'phone 1122. fe 21 3t

A HOMESEEKER can buy a lot centrally located, on car line, 41 feet fontage, for a very reasonable price on easy terms. Money loaned to build house as soon as lot is paid for. See how we can help you to get a home—it is our business. J. G. Wright & Son, Real Estate Agents. fe 21 3t

FOR RENT—Two front rooms, privilege of bath and telephone, or for right parties, four rooms suitable for light housekeeping, 121 South Sixth street. fe 21 1t

PIN FOUND on Front, between Grace and Walnut; can be redeemed by describing same and paying for this advertisement. H. S. King, at Y. M. C. A. fe 21-1t

WANTED—A lady who can give satisfactory reference to handle our high grade goods. Good money to right party. Address "D. T." care Morning Star. fe 21-1t*

WANTED—Young lady to do light office work, hours 9 to 5; $5 per week. Address in own hand writing. Box 332, City. fe 21-1t*

WANTED—Three or four unfurnished rooms suitable for light housekeeping. State location and price. Address "B" care of Morning Star. fe 21-1t*

ROOM AND BOARD at reasonable price. Apply 316 Walnut street. fe 21-3t*

AFTER MARCH 1ST two nicely furnished rooms with or without board in private family. Apply to 221 North Fourth street. fe 21-1t.

WANTED SALESMEN—Calling on ice cream manufacturers, confectioners, soda fountainists, druggists, saloonists, etc. Are you willing to make some good side money? No risk; no expense; no sample. Start now. Davenport Ice Clipping Machine Co., Davenport, Iowa. fe 21 1t*

CIRCLE NO. 4 of Grace M. E. church will give a Colonial tea at the residence of Mr. W. B. Cooper, Monday evening, February 22nd, for the benefit of the parsonage. Silver offering. fe 21 1t*

NOTICE TO ALL—For warts and cancers cured apply to Dr. J. H. Moore. Still in Wilmington, at No. 913 South Front street. No cure no money. fe 21 1t*

TO THE FARMERS—We can now ship our Phosphate Lime promptly. There is nothing to surpass it for all crops and any soil. B. F. Keith Co., Wilmington, N. C. fe 21 1t

FOR SALE—On Nun street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, a nice two-story house, six rooms, bath and pantry, 33x66. Fronts South; fine location. Price reasonable. Apply "M. J." care of Star. fe 21 1t

COTTAGE FOR SALE—Containing six rooms and bath. Grace between Seventh and Eighth streets. Box 194. fe 21 1t*

FURNISHED ROOMS for rent suitable for two young men. Centrally located with or without board. Hot and cold bath and use of phone. 'Phone 1607 or apply at No. 3 Postoffice Avenue. fe 21 1t*

SEED! SEED!—Second car load of potatoes received today, the finest and most prolific potatoes grown. Direct from Arostoak county, Me Five varieties. We have all new varieties of field and garden seed to select from. W. J. Kirkham & Co., 104 and 106 South Front street. fe 21 1t*

STAR BUSINESS LOCALS

TWO TRAVELING salesmen $125.00 per month and expenses, yearly contract. Los Angeles Cider Co., Atlanta, Ga. fe 21 1t*

DON'T FORGET THE DATE—March 6th is the opening of new series in the Hanover Building and Loan Association. Money deposited in this way is a safe and paying investment and every man should begin saving now for a rainy day or think about buying a home. We have helped many others and will help you. Shares 25 cents worth $100, at maturity. Call and notify us how many shares you want at once, and avoid the rush. John J. Fowler, President; H. F. Wilder, Secretary and Treasurer. 'Phone 631 , 207 Princess street. fe 20 tf

TIMBER FOR SALE—I have 2,000 acres of land well timbered. It is estimated to cut about 4 1-4 million feet of long and short leaf and hard wood such as Blackgum, Poplar, Sweetgum and Ash. Will sell part cash balance on installment plan. Want to sell this Spring. Write me at Loris, S. C., or Tabor, N. C. W. K. Holt. Feb 19-2w

AUCTION SALE—I will on next Wednesday at 11 A. M., sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the entire stock of groceries and fixtures of J. J. Moore & Co., Eighth and Wooster streets. Will sell the whole or in parts. R. B. Moore, Assignee fe 18-6t

SPECIAL OFFER—Six half cabinet photographs and one platinum finish enlargement, for one dollar. Best value ever offered. Titmas & Foltz, Props. The Gem Studio, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. fe 17-tf.

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WILMINGTON STEAM LAUNDRY, Front and Orange streets. Phone 29. Good work and prompt delivery. We use the pressing machine. For shirts it is a better finish and not so hard on the goods; bosoms kept in perfect shape. No stretching one side longer than the other with pleat or lap at the bottoms. Mail orders promptly attended to and returned in a few days. Try us. J. T. Harper. fe 16 1m

FOR RENT—Store No. 403 North Front street, next to the corner of Walnut or one block from the A. C. L. depot, is one of the best business locations in the city. Plate glass front. Terms reasonable. B. H. J. Ahrens. fe 16 6t.

GRANULATED SUGAR 5 1-2 cents, 25 pound sacks $1.30; Arbuckle's coffee, 15 cents per pound; Fancy Patent flour, 3 1-2 cents per pound, $6.00 per barrel, $3.00 per half barrel. Just what it cost at the mills. People's Supply Company, 206 North Front street. 'Phone 314 or 420. fe 16-6t

UPHOLSTERING, repairing, varnishing, at 114 1-2 Dock street. 'Phone No. 1465. Carolina Upholstering Company, P. J. Breen, manager de 6-tf

FOR SALE—New saw mill, complete, including mules, tram road, engine, etc., with 26,000 acres of the best Florida pine timber. Can be bought with $10,000.00 to $15,000 cash, balance on easy payments. Address "Saw Mill" Box 35, Tampa, Fla. feb 5-1m.

THE OLD RELIABLE, the Wilmington Pressing Club, is still running at the old stand on Second street. Others come and go, but the old Wilmington comes and stays de 5-tf

FOR HIGHEST MARKET PRICES, honest and quick returns, ship your chickens, ducks, eggs, geese, turkeys and all other country produce to C B. Bellois, 16 North Second street. N C. hams and bacon, a specialty. Phone 1576. fe 7-3m

FREE EMPLOYMENT AGENCY for the poor where they may secure employment. All persons in need of help or work of any kind may notify me and there is no charge for the service. Free to all, rich and poor alike. A. J. Willis, Free Shelter Mission, No. 217 South Front street. Call at 3 P. M. fe 13 tf

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up-to-date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. sep 22-tf

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WANTED—Salesmen of ability and best appearance to call on all merchants in their territory; elegant safe line, convenient to carry; good commissions; prompt remittance. Belmont Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio. dec 13 16 t sun*

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FOR RENT—Store and warehouse 108 North Water street, at present occupied by J. S. Funchess & Co. Possession given at once. Apply to Morris Bear & Bros. au 5-su-we-fri-tf.

WANTED—Traveling salesmen to sell fancy fruit ciders. $150 per month and expenses. Red Cross Cider Co., St. Louis Mo. fe 3-su-52t.

LUMBER AT RETAIL—Grades and prices right. See us before buying. Angola Lumber Co. aug 30-tf

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Stokes County Corn Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts.	10.00
North Carolina Corn Whiskey, 1 doz. Qts	9.00
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Duff Gordon Sherry, pale	10.00
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Oporto Port	8.00

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Kinston Free Press: Professor G. E. Lineberry, principal of the Winterville High School, has been made educational secretary for the North Carolina Baptist convention. He will accept and begin work in April.

—Salisbury, Feb. 19.—A number of colored ministers met here at the call of Rev. F. R. Mason, pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church, and passed resolutions condemning the concealing of negro criminals by members of their own race.

—Duplin Journal: In a magistrate's court at Burgaw the other day, the defendant in a civil suit requested the magistrate to have the proceedings opened with prayer. The presiding officer said it was unusual but if there was an idea that it would make for righteousness, he wouldn't object, and accordingly the thing was done, a preacher being handy.

—Last night the horse stolen from Ellis Vick, at Sharpsburg on Tuesday night, was recovered in Wilson where the young negro who had stolen the animal had sold him to a liveryman in that city for twenty dollars. The horse was easily identified and taken by its owner and it now turns out the Wilson liveryman is the looser, as the negro made good his escape after having disposed of the horse.—Rocky Mount Record.

—Lexington Dispatch: Thomas Dalton, of Greensboro, who, it will be remembered, was thrown from a horse belonging to a Lexington man, while riding in a parade during the centennal ceremonies at Greensboro last October, and sustained a fracture of the skull, has almost recovered and is able to be about. He hovered between life and death for weeks, and spent most of the time in a Greensboro hospital.

—High Point, N. C., Feb. 19.—The Piedmont Railway Company was organized last night at Thomasville with a capitalization of $500,000. Milton L. Jones, former president of the Carolina Valley Railroad is president of the new concern. The road taken over is the old Carolina Valley Railroad, running to Denton, and the new owners will extend it further down the road into a good lumber belt. Already a new locomotive has been ordered also two new passenger coaches.

—Charlotte News: The Southern railroad will operate an "agricultural train" on the Winston-Salem division next week, February 23 to 25, in the furtherance of the agricultural interests of the territory tributary to its lines. These meetings will be addressed by Major W. A. Graham commissioner of agriculture; W. N. Hunt, horticulturist; Franklin Sherman, entomologist; T. B. Parker, demonstrator, and W. A. Petree, tobacco expert. The special train will be conducted under the direction of Mr. M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the road.

—Fayetteville Observer: At a meeting of a number of prominent citizens, interested in baseball, Wednesday afternoon, a temporary organization was perfected for the purpose of making all the preliminary arrangements incidental to placing a team in the field to compete in the Eastern Carolina League. Later a permanent organization will be chosen. The temporary organization is as follows: President, H. W. Lilly; Secretary, T. G. McAlister; Treasurer, J. C. Gorham; Finance Committee, S. W. Cooper, E. E. Gorham, J. O. Ellington, F. H. Cotton and J. C. Gorham.

—Raleigh Times: Speaker Graham has been very kind to the brethren in the House this term, in that he has had a large number of the men in the chair at different times, and it is an honor all should enjoy. Last night he had Mr. Koonce in the chair whom it seems had had some warning for he appered in "Jimswinger" and silk hat and mounted to stand like he came from a different school than the one he claimed in his speech yesterday, "the school of poverty." His friends wanted to laugh at him, but he presided with so much more grace than they had expected the laugh was on them.

—Lexington Dispatch: Another party five in number, left Yadkin county last week for the west, going to New Mexico. This is the second party of Yadkin young men to leave since Christmas, and a third is being organized to leave the first of March for the same place. They are making a mistake, but who can blame these young fellows, ambitious to do something? Yadkin is cut off from the world, has no railroads, is out of the beaten track of commerce and progress. One of the finest sections in the State, peopled by sturdy citizens noted for their hospitality and intelligence, it yet has little to offer to its young men to induce them to stay at home and aid in development. A railroad into Yadkin would be a priceless boon to the county.

Revolts at Cold Steel.

"Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe rectal trouble, lies in an operation," "then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "till wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation, Headache, 25c. at R. R. Bellamy.

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Vick's Croup and Pneumonia Salve will save sickness and suffering. Get Vick's. 25, 50 and $1.00.

THE FIREMEN'S BILL.

Mr. A. W. McAlister, of Greensboro, N. C., Calls the Attention of the Public to a Serious Situation Involved in the Firemen's Tax Bill Now Pending Before the Legislature.

(News and Observer.)

To the Editor:—Before the Legislature now in session convened and since the impression has been widespread that conservatism would be its distinction and that the business interests of the State would be left undisturbed; but while this feeling of security has been growing in the public mind, there have been influences at work, silently and persistently at Raleigh, to secure legislation, the effect of which will be not merely to greatly disturb business conditions, but to seriously cripple and discourage a line of business that is yet in its infancy but one that is destined to be of great importance and usefulness to the State if its progress is not interfered with.

Two years ago the firemen of the State secured the enactment of a law providing for a tax upon fire insurance companies of one-half per cent. of their premium receipts, to create a pension fund for disabled firemen, and containing a clause which exempted from this tax those companies investing three-fourths of their assets in the State, the effect of which was to exempt North Carolina Fire Insurance companies from this tax. The Legislature of 1907 passed this measure with the idea that this would settle it and that the firemen would be permanently satisfied with this provision for their benefit. Contrary to this expectation, the firemen are asking this Legislature to double the tax by making it one per cent. and to repeal the provision which exempts North Carolina companies.

To impose any tax upon insurance companies for the pension of firemen is in violation of the principles of both law and equity. The firemen are not the servants of the insurance companies. They are the servants of municipalities for the protection of the lives and property of the community. The benefits derived by insurance companies are incidental and the community which furnishes the service of the firemen is amply compensated by specific reductions in rates made in all cities and towns which furnish the protection of a fire department. If it is reasonable and lawful and right to tax insurance companies for the pension of disabled firemen, the same principle would make it reasonable and lawful and right to tax them for the maintenance of water-works and for the purchase of fire engines, hose wagons, horses, and all the other equipment of fire departments. The logical conclusion to which this leads is the absurd and impossible one that since insurance companies insure against fire, it develops upon them to put out the fire when it comes, that this is the business of the insurance companies instead of the community. It is clear that such a tax is not based on reason or right and it should not become a law for sentimental reasons and merely because the great body of deserving firemen want it.

If the tax is levied, what will be done with it? It will amount to about $20,000 per annum, including the provision which the State already makes. What do they want with such a fund? What earthly use have they for it? How many firemen are disabled in a year? How many disabled firemen has the reader of this article ever heard of? There are ten policemen or sheriffs shot or disabled to every disabled fireman. Such a fund is unnecessary, and for that reason always dangerous.

If this proposed Firemen's Tax bill becomes a law, it will increase the taxes of some of the smaller North Carolina companies nearly one per cent. of their capital stock. It will make the burden of taxation in North Carolina upon insurance companies perhaps greater than in any other State of the Union, and the natural and inevitable result will be to increase insurance rates on property. Insurance rates in North Carolina are now much lower than they are in any other Southern State. It was the North Carolina insurance companies, as everybody knows and admits, that forced the foreign companies to recognize the just and fair insurance laws and taxes of North Carolina by a reduction in rates, which amounts now, and has for six or eight years past amounted to, a saving of not less than $250,000 per annum to the property owners of the State; and yet the home companies, without whose presence and protests and stubborn resistance this reduction would never have been made, are about to be taxed out of existence. These home companies, in addition to the usual State, municipal and county taxes paid by other corporations, are already paying various license and premium taxes, and they feel that it is their right they should not be further burdened with any new tax. It is no answer that some of them have been successful. They have deserved to be. They have all had a hard struggle. Some of them are having a hard struggle yet. If any of them have been fortunate enough to accumulate comfortably surplus and to increase their capital with their surpluses, they have done no more than the very nature of the business requires. They are obliged to have liberal surplus accumulations to be ready to meet the conflagrations which come now and then and to the jeopardy of which the business is constantly subjected.

It is a serious thing to compel by law one set of people, individual or corporate, to pay over to another money to which it is not entitled; and this is a matter which affects, directly or indirectly, every business interest in the State. If one business is permitted to be taxed unjustly, another man's business may be the next to be selected for taxation; and this appeal is made to all who are interested in the protection of the business interests of the State against unwarranted and unnecessary legislative interference and who want to see justice done always.

The firemen of the State are rendering great service to the public and deserve well at its hands, but they cannot, with any reason, expect insurance companies to be taxed for their benefit. A. W. McALISTER

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 17.

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NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington ...	9:00 am	7:00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:03 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	1:00 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount..	1:35 pm	11:30 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	2:47 am
Ar. Norfolk	5:55 pm	
Ar. Petersburg	7:00 pm	4:25 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	5:10 am
Ar. Washington ...	11:50 pm	8:40 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:15 am	10:02 am
Ar. Philadelphia ..	3:45 am	12 23 pm
Ar. New York.....	6:30 am	2:45 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York.....	9:25 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia ...	11:37 am	11:48 pm
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Lv. Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:25 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:52 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount..	10:55 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:31 am	1:56 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6:15 am	3:00 pm
Ar. Wilmington ...	9:25 am	6:00 pm

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SOUTHBOUND. Via Wilson.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:00 am	3:10 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor..	9:05 am	7:20 pm	3:45 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	10:45 pm	
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:25 pm	6:40 am
Ar. Savh.	6:35 pm	2:15 am	9:00 am
Ar. Jk'ville		7:15 am	1:20 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:00 pm	10:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:30 am
Lv. Jacksonville ...	9:05 am	7:45 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:15 pm	11:59 pm
Lv. Charleston	5:39 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:15 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington ...	12:40 am	1:25 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound Daily.
Lv. Wilmington..	8:40 am	Ar 8:05 pm
Lv. Fayetteville.	12:10 pm	Ar 4:45 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv 3:30 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEWBERN.

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Lv. Wilmington..	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv 9:00 am

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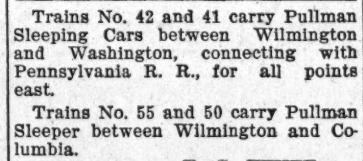

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SUNDAYS—Leave at 9:55, 10:30 A. M., 12:25, 1:55, 3:25, 3:55, 4:55, 5:25, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 9:30, 10:30, 11:30 P. M.

TO WILMINGTON FROM THE BEACH

WEEK DAYS—Leave at 7:15, 8:15, 9:15, 10:45 A. M., 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 5:15, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

SUNDAYS—Leave at 8:45, 10:15 A. M. 12:15, 1:45, 3:15, 3:45, 5:45, 6:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15 P. M.

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REMOVAL

Ed. Guion, the Barber, has removed to 121 Market street where he will be pleased to see all of his old customers and many new ones.

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By Rail and Water

Atlanta, Feb. 15.—Mrs. Fanny Kilgo of Red Oak, Ga., widow of John E. Kilgo, recently found dead on the tracks of the Central of Georgia in the city limits, today brought suit against that road for $25,000 for the death of her husband. Three men are now being held in the police station on suspicion of having been responsible for his death.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Under the Hepburn rate law the railroads are required to keep inviolate nearly every scrap of paper connected with their business. These papers added such a burden to the railroads that the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce has been induced to report a bill authorizing the inter-Sstate commerce commission to grant permission to the railroads to destroy useless papers.

Spencer, Feb. 15.—Mr. J. H. Keeter, of Spencer, has just been granted a patent by the United States Patent Office at Washington, on a safety locomotive throttle box, which promises to be of great value to the railroad world. The device will effectually eliminate any possible delay to locomotives from defective packings in throttles and is capable of being attached to any locomotive, at a trifling expense. Railroad officials who have seen the model predict a large sale for the appliance, which Mr. Keeter expects to place on the market.

Waycross, Ga., Feb. 12.—The shop forces at the new Coast Line shops are gradually growing in numbers, additional men coming in every week from several shops of the system. The storage tracks are fast filling with rolling stock brought here from all over the lines south of Savannah for repair, and there is work ahead for months to come. The old shops, used by the old Savannah, Florida and Western and the Plant System, are to be torn down as soon as workmen can get to them. Already the creosoting plant formerly used has been demolished, the greater portion of it being burned.

A rate of one fare plus 25 cents for the round trip has been made by the Southern Passenger Association on account of the big national T. P. A. convention which comes to Asheville May 31st. This means a rate of 1 1-2 cents per mile each way. This highly pleasing information was conveyed to the local T. P. A. committee through a telegram from Passenger Traffic Manager S. H. Hardwick of the Southern railway to District Passenger Agent J. H. Wood. Mr. Hardwick added that 'Prospects are good for satisfactory rates being arranged from all parts of the United States," which amounts practically to an assurance that such rates will be secured.

The long looked for grading of Hancock street in Newbern from Johnson street to Trent river and the railroad tracks lowered is about to be realized, according to the Sun of that city. The plans which have been presented to the council, and accepted by them, call for the removal of the wood and brick acqueducts along the street and replace them with terra cotta pipe, and the tracking to be lowered sufficient to give the proper grading to conform with that laid down when the side-walks were put in. At the junction of Hancock and Queen streets a new double crossing frog will be put in. This has arrived and is on the yards of the Atlantic Coast Line, to which company it belongs. The frog is made of the best material and the latest patent, at an outlay of $800.

A dispatch from Savannah during the past week is as follows: "It is expected that one form of Savannah's revenge on the Atlantic Coast Line railway for its removal of its shops here to Waycross will be the opeing of a street through the spot where the coal chutes of the railroad stand. An ordinance was passed several years ago providing for the opening of the street, but it has been held up by the city all that time. Now, it is declared by a member of the councilmanic committee having the matter in charge that there exists no reason why the street should not go through as originally intended. This will mean a large expense to the railroad. It is stated by this alderman that the retaliatory measure would not be stopped by council."

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 17.—A. C. Downing has entered suit against the United States Express Co. for $10,000 damages. The action is the result of delay in the delivery of a dog's head to Washington, D. C., in December, 1908. Downing had been bitten by a dog, and the head was shipped to Washington for examination to ascertain if the animal had rabies. After five days, Downing alleges that he went to Washington and found the head in the express office. It was examined and ascertained that the dog had rabies, and the plaintiff was not permitted to return to Norfolk, but was detained in Washington for treatment. Because of mental anguish sustained by himself and wife, due to the express company not delivering the dog's head promptly, Downing alleges that he was damaged to the extent of $10,000.

The Southern Railway is having the division between Columbia and Jacksonville equipped with "grasshopper" engines, that term being applied by railroad men to the new style locomotive. Some time ago the Central of Georgia adopted this engine, and the Southern, it seems, has made the change on the other parts of the system. Two new engines have arrived in Savannah for use on frienght trains between Savannah and Josksonville. The "grasshopper" differs from ordinary locomotive in the removal of the eccentric rod. The new appliance is one that needs to be seen to gather an idea of what it is. The main idea seems that it saves the wear and tear on valves that the eccentric has levied for these many years, and saves in this way great expense to the railroads in the matter of repairs alone. It is also a great saver in the quantity of fuel used. The change can be made on old engines, but engines that have been sent here by the Southern were built without the eccentric and were equipped in the construction with the late device. The Brinson Railway has never had any other kind of locomotives. President Brinson has in every instance purchased the most modern equipment, and the "grasshopper" engine is the only kind on his road.

TELEPHONE STATISTICS

National Government Provides Official Figures as Between Bell and Independent Interests of the United States.

To the national government, working through the department of commerce and labor, belongs the credit for having finally determined the official facts in the long disputed question as to the relative size of the Bell and independent telephone interests of the United States.

The government figures for 1907 show 3,132,063 Bell stations and 2,986,515 independent stations or telephones. The independents have all along claimed over 4,000,000 stations, or fully 33 per cent more than they actually have.

The government figures do not make any attempt to classify the independents as between "independent" and "opposition" companies. As a matter of fact, of the so-called "independents" fully 900,000, or 30 per cent. of the entire number form through sublicense or service arrangements part of the comprehensive Bell system, but in all other respects are independent, self-controlling organizations. At present over 1,100,000 independents or about 40 per cent. of the total are thus affiliated with Bell lines.

With this very important adjustment made, and adjustment which the government statisticians obviously could not make, it will be found that instead of the Bell companies having but 145,000 more stations than the independents, the real figures are something like 4,000,000 for the Bell, against 2,150,000 for the independents, a ratio of nearly 2 to 1. The preponderance of Bell over independent stations may be better illustrated by the following comparison:

	1907	1902	Per cent. inc.
Bell system	4,000,000	1,350,000	196
Independents	2,150,000	1,000,000	115
Bell excess	1,850,000	350,000	...

In considering these figures, it should be borne in mind that the station statistics of the Bell connecting systems are all a matter of record at a central point, due to the fact that the instruments used by the Bell system are furnished by the American Telephone Co. Statistics kept by the Bell companies are as precise as figures of railroad earnings. Instruments used by the Bell companies are all given out from one source and are identical in type of construction. Therefore, the statistics of Bell telephone stations are as reliable as balance sheets or any other financial records.

The relative public utility of the Bell and independent telephone interests is not measured by number of stations so much as by the fact that the Bell lines are one comprehensive and inter-communicating system operated under one general policy and connected with toll and long-distance lines aggregating nearly 2,000,000 miles in length. The independents on the other hand are scattered companies and for the most part small associations or co-operative groups, having with a few conspicuous exceptions no relation with each other and only limited connection by local toll lines. The instruments and apparatus come from 30 or 40 different manufacturers. There is no uniform accounting system and there is no temptation to make the figures any smaller than they actually are. Furthermore, some independents report telephones (a single instrument) while others conform to the Bell custom and report stations (two instruments). To this extent the independent figures are unduly swelled, but there is no way of knowing how material this factor is.

The significant feature of the rapid telephone development of the United States during the last five years has been this quiet, steady affiliation with the American Telephone system of 900,000 independent stations. As a result, thousands of subscribers in the West have today what they have never before enjoyed—the advantage of connection with the only national telephone service in the country.

Fat and the Directoire

The coming season will be a hard one for fat ladies. The directoire mode endorsers already lift scornful eyebrows at such a plebianism as bulgy hips. Fat, in short, wheresoever it may be deposited, has merited great condemnation and is anathema. In Chicagoese, it's got to go.

Many minds—many methods. 1. Exercise. 2. Dieting. 3. Worrying. 4. Tight lacing. 5. Marmola. All these are suggested, but not all should be adopted. For instance, 1 and 2 are not easy, while 3 and 4 are not hygienic. Thus we set them on one side and consider Marmola.

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Satan Sanderson

By HALLIE ERMINIE RIVES,

Author of "Hearts Courageous," Etc.

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I—David Stires, determined to disinherit his scapegrace son Hugh in favor of his blind ward, Jessica Holme, is dissuaded by the girl and the Rev. Harry Sanderson. The latter, who resembles Hugh greatly, sowed his wild oats with the younger Stires in college, where he was known as "Satan Sanderson." II—Hugh returns and is welcomed by his father. There is no hope of Hugh's reformation, but Jessica, deceived by her blindness, loves him. He plans to marry her. III—Harry lends him money. IV—Jessica is to marry Hugh and a foreign surgeon is coming to operate on her eyes. Jessica, whose sight is restored, is married to Hugh, Harry officiating, although he loves the girl. Immediately after the ceremony Stires is informed that his son has forged his name for $5,000. V—Harry, sent up-stairs to bring Jessica to the old man, is mistaken by her for her newly wedded husband. He kisses her. VI—Hugh flees, and Jessica reproaches Harry for having led him into evil ways in college. Stires signs the will disinheriting Hugh. VII and VIII—Nearly a year has passed. Hugh who has been in the mining country, returns and reproaches Harry for his downfall. The minister in an effort to save him plays cards with him on the altar table. Harry stakes gold and the spendthrift waxen wafers, each one representing a day of decent living. IX—Hallelujah Jones, an itinerant preacher, spies on the game and breaks in on it with Harry's bishop. Hugh vanishes, and Harry jumps into an automobile for a swift ride. X—The minister's car falls into the river, and he is hurt. Harry wakes to find himself unconscious of his own identity in a freight car with tramps. He wears a ring with his initials, "H. S.," but they signify nothing to him. XI.—Jessica, accompanying Stires, who is in poor health, is in a mountain sanitarium overlooking the Little Paymaster claim and the town of Smoky Mountain. In town she hears the name Hugh Stires execrated. XII.—In Smoky Mountains Harry is taken for Hugh. He whips Devlin, the town bully, Jessica witnessing the fight. His part is taken by Tom Felder, attorney. XIII—Going out of town. Harry is struck by a stone hurled at him by one of the mob. XIV—Jessica and Prendergast, Hugh's partner, take Harry, whom they both mistake for Hugh, to the latter's cabin. XV—Jessica is worried by her supposed husband's illness and goes to his cabin. Jessica's love for Hugh returns. XVI—Prendergast hints to Harry of the shady source of the money accumulated by the former and Hugh. XVII—Harry is suspected of a murder believed to have been committed by Hugh. Prendergast quarrels with Harry and threatens to tell what he knows. His look of hatred is seen by Jessica and troubles her. XVIII.—Harry is suspected in town of robbing the sluice of a hydraulic company. Jessica's horse runs away with Davlin's child, and Harry, jumping into an automobile, brings her back safely. XIX.—Going to Harry's cabin to leave the forged draft for him, Jessica, who still believes him to be Hugh, tells him she is his wife. He still does not know who he really is. XX.—Harry, walking in his sleep, enters Jessica's room at the sanitarium. He is taken for a burglar, and she helps him to escape. XXI—Harry finds the draft and takes himself for Hugh Stires, thief. Working on the claim, he finds a rich pocket of gold. David Stires tells Jessica Hugh has refunded the $5,000, which has been paid by Harry. Stires forgives his son and then dies. XXII—Harry pays a visit to his old home. XXIII—Harry returns to Smoky Mountain and finds over the grave of Stires a statue, "The Prodigal Son," carved by Jessico. He believes the dead man to have been his father. Jessica, still calling him Hugh, confesses her love for him. XXIV—Hallelujah Jones appears in Smoky Mountain and recognizes Harry as the gambling rector. His voice recalls to Harry his identity. He is crushed by the knowledge that he has been coveting Hugh's wife. Jessica witnesses the shooting of Prendergast in the act of robbing the sluice. He dies after telling the sheriff Hugh is the murderer of Moreau, found dying on the hillside months before. XXV—Haunted by Moreau's murder, Hugh returns to the mountain and meets Harry in his own cabin. They quarrel. As a knock comes at the door Harry thrusts Hugh into an inner room. Jessica warns Harry he is sought for Moreau's murder. He helps Hugh to escape, giving him his ring and the combination of his study safe, and for love of Jessica remains to face the charge.

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A frosty gloom was over the city of Aniston, moon and stars hidden by a cloudy sky, from which a light snow the first of the season, was sifting down The streets were asleep. Only occasional belated pedestrians were to be seen in the chilly air. These saw a man, his face muffled from the snowflakes, pass hurriedly toward the fountained square, from whose steeple 2 o'clock was just striking. The wayfarer skirted the square, keeping in cover of the buildings as though avoiding chance observation, till he stood on the pavement of a Gothic chapel fronting the open space.

On the night of his flight from Smoky Mountain, Hugh had ridden hard till dawn, abandoning the horse to find its way back as best it might. He had slept through the next day. For two days after his arrival he had hung about outside the town in a fever of impatience, for, though he had readily ascertained that the premises were unoccupied, the first night he had been frightened away by the too zealous scrutiny of a policeman, and on the next he had been unable to force the door. That morning he had secured a skeleton key, and now the weather was propitious for his purpose.

After a moment's reconnoitering he scaled the frost fretted iron palings and gained the shelter of the porch. He tried the key anxiously. To his relief, it fitted. Another minute and he stood in the study, the door locked behind him, his veins beating with excitement.

Crouching down before the safe, he took from his pocket the paper upon which was written the combination.

The match scorched his fingers, and he lighted another and began to turn

"You speak as if you were sorry for me."

the knob. The lock bore both figures and letters in concentric rings, and he saw that the seven figures Harry had written formed a word. Hugh dropped the match with a smothered exclamation, for the word was Jessica! So Harry really had loved her in the old days! He swung the massive door wide and took out the canvas bag with the thousand dollars. With this and the ruby ring—it must easily be worth as much again—he could put the round world between himself and capture.

He closed the safe and with the bag of coin in his hand groped his way to the door of the chapel. It was less dark there, for the snow was making a white night outside, and the stained glass cast a wan glimmer across the aisles. He greatly needed sleep, and tonight in the open that was out of the question. He could gain several hours' rest where he was and still get away before daybreak. He drew together the altar cushions and lay down, the canvas bag beside him, but he was cold, and at length he rose and went into the vestry for a surplice. He wrapped this about him and, lighting a cigarette, lay down again. He was very tired, and in a few minutes he was sleeping heavily.

The last half consumed cigarette dropped from his relaxing fingers to the cushion, where it made a smoldering nest of fire. A tiny tongue of flame caught the edge of a wall hanging, ran up to the dry oaken rafters and speedily ignited them. In fifteen minutes the interior of the chapel was a mass of flame, and Hugh woke gasping and bewildered.

With a cry of alarm he sprang to his feet, seized the bag of coin and ran to the door of the study. In his haste he stumbled against it, and the dead lock snapped to. He was a prisoner now, for he had left the skeleton key in the inside of the outer door. Clutching his treasure, he ran to the main entrance It was fast. He tried the smaller windows. Iron bars were set across them.

He made shift to wrap the surplice about his mouth against the stifling smoke and fiery vapors. The bag dropped from his hand, and the gold rolled about the floor. He stooped and clutched a handful of the coins and crammed them into his pocket. Was he to die after all, like this, caught like a rat in a trap?

Uttering a hoarse cry, with the strength of despair, Hugh wrenched a pew from the floor and made of it a ladder to reach the rose window Mounting this, he beat frantically with his fist upon the painted glass. The crystal shivered beneath the blows, and clinging to the iron supports, his beard burned to the skin, he set his face to the aperture and drew a gulping breath of the sweet, cold air. In his agony, with that fiery hell opening beneath him, he could see the massed people watching from the safety that was so near.

"Look! Look!" The sudden cry went up, and a thrill of awe ran through the crowd. The glass Hugh had shattered had formed the face of the penitent thief in the window design, and his outstretched arms fitted those of the figure. It was as though by some ghastly miracle the painted features had suddenly sprung into life, the haggard eyes opened in appeal

All at once there came a shout of warning The wall opened outward tottered and fell

Then it was that they saw the writhing figure, tangled in the twisted lead bars of the wrecked rose window Shielding their faces from the unendurable heat, they reached and bore it to safety, laying it on the crisp, snowy grass and tearing off the singed and smoking ministerial robes

Judge Conwell was one of these. In the flaring confusion he leaned over

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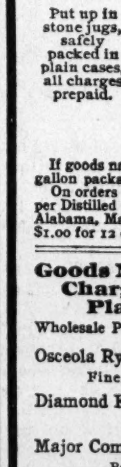

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the figure. The gleam of the ruby ring on the finger caught his eye. He bent forward to look into the drawn and distorted face.

"Good God!" he said. "It's Harry Sanderson!"

Chapter 27

IN communities such as Smoky Mountain the law moves with fateful rapidity. Harry had been formally arraigned the second morning after his self surrender and had pleaded not guilty. The grand jury was in session—indeed, had about finished its labors—and there had been no reason for delay. All necessary witnesses for the state were on the ground, and Felder for his part had no others to summon. So that when Dr. Brent one keen forenoon swung himself off a Pullman at the station, returning from his ten days' absence, he found the town thrilling with the excitement of the first day of the trial. Before he left the station he had learned of Prendergast's death and accusation and knew that Tom Felder had come to the prisoner's defense. Dr. Brent had taken no stock in the young lawyer's view of Hugh Stires.

He betook himself to the filled courtroom. The court had opened two hours before and half the jury had been selected. His attention was given first to the bench where the prisoner sat and second to a chair close to the railing beside Mrs. Halloran's, where a girl's face glimmered palely under a light veil.

Toward this chair the hundreds of eyes in the room that morning had often turned. Since the day Mrs. Halloran had surprised Jessica at work upon the rock statue she had kept her counsel; but, as the physician had conjectured, the monument had been stumbled upon and had drawn curious visitors. Thus the name on the grave had become common property and the coincidence had been chattered of. That Jessica had chiseled the statue was not doubted. She had bought the tools in town, and old Paddy Wise, the blacksmith, had sharpened them for her. The story Prendergast had told in the general store, too, had not been forgotten, and the aid she had given the fever stricken man had acquired a new significance in face of the knowledge that she had more than once been admitted to the jail with Felder. From the moment of the opening of the trial Jessica had divided interest with the prisoner.

Circumstantially speaking, the evidence was flawless. Dr. Moreau, while little known and less liked, had figured in the town as a promoter and an inventor of "slick" stock schemes. He had come there with Hugh Stires from Sacramento, where they had had a business partnership of short duration. There had been bad blood between them there, as the latter had once admitted. The prisoner had pre-empted the claim on Smoky mountain in an abortive "boom" which Moreau had engineered, and over whose proceeds the pair, it was believed, had fallen out. He had then, to use the attorney's phrase, "swapped the devil for the witch" and had taken up with Prendergast, who by the manner of his taking off had finally justified a jail record in another state. Soon after this break Hugh Stires had vanished. On the day following his last appearance in the town the body of Moreau had been found on the Little Paymaster claim shot by a cowardly bullet through the back, a fact which precluded the possibility that the deed had been done in self defense. There was evidence that he had died a painful and lingering death. Suspicion had naturally pointed to the vanished man, and this suspicion had grown until, after some months' absence, he had returned, alleging that he had lost his memory of the past, to resume his life in the cabin on the mountain and his partnership with the thief Prendergast. The two had finally quarreled, and Prendergast had moved to town.

As she passed Harry she bent and laid one in his hand.

Subsequent to this the latter had been heard to make dark insinuations, unnoted at the time, but since grown significant, hinting at criminal knowledge of the prisoner. The close of this chapter had been Prendergast's dismal end in the gulch when he had produced the scrap of paper which was the crux of the case. He declared he had found Moreau dying; that the latter had traced with his own hand the accusation which fastened the crime upon Hugh Stires.

In his cross examination Felder fought gamely to lighten the weight of the evidence. All rested, he said, upon a single scrap of paper, a fragment of handwriting in no way difficult of imitation, and this in turn upon the allegation of a thief, struck down in an act of crime, whose word in an ordinary case of fact would not be worth a farthing. No motive had been alleged for the killing of Moreau by the prisoner, but Prendergast had had motive enough in his accusation. It had been open knowledge that he hated Hugh Stires, and his own character made it evident that he would not have scrupled to fasten a murder upon him.

But as Felder studied the twelve grave faces in the jury box, who in the last analysis were all that counted, he shared his client's hopelessness. Judgment and experience told him how futile were all theories in the face of that inarticulate but damning witness that Prendergast had left behind him. So the afternoon dragged through, a day for the state.

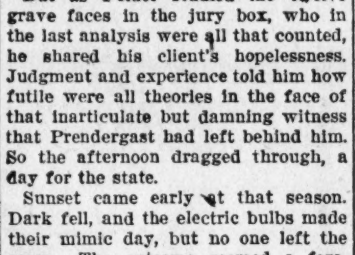
Sunset came early at that season. Dark fell, and the electric bulbs made their mimic day, but no one left the room. The outcome seemed a foregone conclusion. The jurymen no longer gazed at the prisoner, and when they looked at one another it was with grim understanding. As the last witness for the state stepped down and the prosecutor rested the judge glanced at the clock.

"There is a bare half hour," he said tentatively. "Perhaps the defense would prefer not to open testimony till tomorrow."

Felder had risen. He saw his opportunity—to bring out sharply a contrasting point in the prisoner's favor, the one circumstance, considered apart, pointing toward innocence rather than guilt; to leave this for the jury to take with them, to offset by its effect the weight of the evidence that had been given.

"I will proceed, if your honor pleases," he said and amid a rustle of surprise and interest called Jessica to the stand.

As she went forward to the witness chair she put back the shielding veil, and her face, pale as bramble bloom under her red bronzed hair, made an appealing picture. A cluster of white



"That man's name," he blazed, "is not Hugh Stires."

carnations was pinned to her coat, and as she passed Harry she bent and laid one in his hand. The slight act, not lost upon the spectators, called forth a sibilant flutter of sympathy, for it wore no touch of designed effect. Its impulse was as pure and unmistakable as its meaning.

Harry had started uncontrollably as she rose, for he had had no inkling of the lawyer's intention, and a flush darkened his cheek at the cool touch of the flower. But this faded to a settled pallor as under Felder's grave questioning she told in a voice as clear as a child's, yet with a woman's emotion struggling through it, the story of her disregarded warning. While she spoke pain and shame traveled through his every vein, for, though technically she had not brought herself into the perplexing purview of the law, she was laying bare the secret of her own heart, which now he would have covered at any cost.

"That is all, your honor," said Felder when Jessica had finished her story.

"Do you wish to cross examine?" asked the judge perfunctorily.

The prosecutor looked at her an instant. He saw the faintness in her eyes, the twitching of the gloved hand on the rail. "By no means," he said courteously and turned to his papers.

At the same moment as Jessica stepped into the open aisle the ironic chance treated the spellbound audience to a novel sensation. Every electric light suddenly went out, and darkness swooped upon the town and the courtroom. Hubbub arose—people stood up in their places.

The judge's gavel pounded viciously, and his stentorian voice bellowed for order.

"Keep your seats, everybody!" he commanded. "Mr. Clerk, get some candles. This court is not yet adjourned."

As the pall of darkness fell upon the courtroom it brought to Jessica a sense of premonition as though the incident prefigured the gloomy end. She turned sick and stumbled down the aisle, feeling that she must reach the outer air.

In the room Jessica had left the turmoil was simmering down. Here and there a match was struck and showed a circle of brightness. The glimmer of one of them lit the countenance of a man who had brushed her sleeve as he entered. It was Hallelujah Jones.

"Wait, wait!" he cried. "I have evidence to give!" He pointed excitedly toward Harry. "This man is not what you think. He is not"—

The judge's gavel thumped upon the wood. "How dare you," he vociferated, "break in upon the deliberations of this court? I fine you $20 for contempt."

Felder had leaped to his feet. What could this man know? He took a bill from his pocket and clapped it down on the clerk's desk.

"I beg to purge him of contempt," he said, "and call him as a witness."

Hallelujah Jones snatched the Bible from the clerk's hands and kissed it. Knowledge was burning his tongue. The jury were leaning forward in their seats.

"Have you ever seen the prisoner before?" asked Felder.

"Yes."

"When?"

"When he was a minister of the gospel."

Felder stared. The judge frowned. The jury looked at one another, and a laugh ran round the hushed room.

The merriment kindled the evangelist's distempered passion. Sudden anger flamed in him. He leaned forward and shook his hand vehemently at the table where Harry sat, his face as colorless as the flower he wore.

"That man's name," he blazed, "is not Hugh Stires. It is a cloak he has chosen to cover his shame. He is the Rev. Henry Sanderson of Aniston."

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Harry's pulses had leaped with excitement when the street preacher's first exclamation startled the courtroom; now they were beating as though they must burst. Through the stir about him he heard the crisp voice of the district attorney:

"I ask your honor's permission before this extraordinary witness is examined further," he said caustically, "to read an item printed here which has a bearing upon the testimony." He held in his hand a newspaper which earlier in the afternoon, with cynical disregard of Felder's tactics, he had been casually perusing.

"Read it, sir."

Holding the newspaper to a candle, the lawyer read in an even voice, prefacing his reading with the journal's name and date:

This city, which was aroused in the night by the burning of St. James' chapel, will be greatly shocked to learn that its rector, the Rev. Henry Sanderson, who has been for some months on a prolonged vacation, was in the building at the time and now lies at the city hospital, suffering from injuries from which it is rumored there is grave doubt of his recovery.

In the titter that rippled the courtroom Harry felt his heart bound and swell. Under the succinct statement he clearly discerned the fact. He saw the pitfall into which Hugh had fallen—the trap into which he himself had sent him on that fatal errand with the ruby ring on his finger. "Grave doubt of his recovery!" A surge of relief swept over him to his finger tips. He would be free to go back—to be himself again, to be Jessica's—if Hugh died. The reading voice drummed in his ears:

The facts have not as yet been ascertained, but it seems clear that the popular young minister returned to town unexpectedly last night and was asleep in his study when the fire started. His presence in the building was unguessed until too late, and it was by little short of a miracle that he was brought out alive.

As we go to press we learn that Mr. Sanderson's condition is much more hopeful than was at first reported.

Harry's heart contracted as if a giant hand had clutched it. His elation fell like a rotten tree girdled at the roots. If Hugh did not die! He chilled as though in a spray of liquid air. Hugh's escape—the chance his conscience had given him—was cut off.

The judge reached for the newspaper the lawyer held, ran his eye over it and brought his gavel down with an angry snort.

"Take him away," he said. "His testimony is ordered stricken from the records. The fine is remitted, Mr. Felder. We can't make you responsible for lunatics. The court stands adjourned."

Felder had been among the last to leave the courtroom. He was discomfited and angry. At the door of the courthouse Dr. Brent slipped an arm through his.

"Too bad, Tom," he said sympathizingly. "I don't think you quite deserved it."

Felder paced a moment without speaking. "I need evidence," he said then; "anything that may help. I made a mistake. You heard all the testimony?"

The other nodded.

"What did you think of it?"

"What could any one think? I give all credit to your motive, Tom, but it's a pity you're mixed up in it."

"Why?"

"Because, if there's anything in human evidence, he's a thoroughly worthless reprobate. He lay for Moreau and murdered him in cold blood, and he ought to swing."

"The casual view," said the lawyer gloomily. "Just what I should have said myself—if this had happened a month ago."

His friend looked at him with an amused expression. "I begin to think he must be a remarkable man!" he said. "Is it possible he has really convinced you that he isn't guilty?"

Felder turned upon the doctor squarely. "Yes," he returned bluntly. "He has. Whatever I may have believed when I took this case, I have come to the conclusion—against all my professional instincts, mind you—that he never killed Moreau. I believe he's as innocent as either you or I!"

"He has as good as admitted to Miss Holme that he knows who did it."

"Come, come! Putting his neck into the noose for mere Quixotic feeling? And who, pray, in this God forsaken town, should he be sacrificing himself for?" the doctor asked satirically.

"That's the rub," said the lawyer. "Nobody. Yet I hang by my proposition."

"Well, he'll hang by something less tenuous, I'm afraid. But it won't be your fault. The crazy evangelist was only an incident. He merely served to jolt us back to the normal. By the way, did you hear him sputter after he got out?"

"No."

"You remember the story he told the other night of the minister who was caught gambling on his own communion table. Well, Hugh Stires is not only the Reverend Henry Something-or-other, but he is that man too! The crack brained old idiot would have told the tale over again only the crowd hustled him. There he is now," he said suddenly as a light sprang up and voices broke out on the opposite corner. "The gang is standing by. I see your friend Barney McGinn," he added, with a grim enjoyment. "I doubt if there are many converts tonight."

Deluged the itinerant.

Even as he spoke there came a shout of laughter and warning. The spectators scattered in all directions, and a stream of water from a well directed hose deluged the itinerant and his music box.

Ten minutes later the street preacher, drenched and furious, was trundling his melodeon toward Funeral Hollow on his way to the coast.

Chapter 28

AS Harry stood again in the obscure half darkness of his cell it came to him that the present had a farreaching significance, that it was but the handiwork and resultant of forces in his own past. He himself had set Hugh's feet on the red path that had pointed him to the shameful terminus. He had gambled for Hugh's future, forgetting that his past remained, a thing that must be covered. He had won Hugh's counters, but his own right to be himself he had staked and lost long before that game on the communion table under the painted crucifixion.

The words he had once said to Hugh recurred to him with a kind of awe: "Put myself in your place? I wish to God I could!"

Fate—or was it God?—had taken him at his word. He had been hurled like a stone from a catapult into Hugh's place—to bear his knavery, to suffer his dishonor and to redeem the baleful reputation he had made.

A step outside the cell, the turning of the key. The door opened, and Jessica, pale and trembling, stood on the threshold.

"I cannot help it," she said as she came toward him, "though you told me not to come. I have trusted all the while and waited and—and prayed. But today I was afraid. Surely, surely, the man you are protecting has had time enough. Hasn't he? Won't you tell them the truth now?"

(Continued Next Sunday.)

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Quotations same day last year—spirits turpentine steady 46c; rosin quiet, $3.10; tar, firm $1.30; crude turpentine firm $2.25, $3.25 and $3.25.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	17
Rosin	72
Tar	7
Crude Turpentine	5

Receipts, same day last year 2 casks spirits turpentine; 28 barrels rosin; 7 barrels tar; 35 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady, 9 3-16 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Steady 11 1-4 cents for middling.

Receipts—199 bales, same day last year 1,913 bales.

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(Quoted by W. J. Meredith, February 20th)

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THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 3 points to an advance of 3 points, near months being lower in sympathy with disappointing cables, while the new crop was in commission demand owing to the absence of further rains in the Southwest and mail advices claiming that precipitation previously reported had been insufficient.

Business was very quiet during the early session, with prices holding about net unchanged to 2 points lower. Monday will be a holiday both in New York and New Orleans and while New York will open as usual on Tuesday, New Orleans will remain closed until Wednesday morning. The market closed barely steady with prices 5 to 8 points lower.

Receipts at the ports today were 14,977 bales, against 13,770 last week and 23,009 last year; for the week 140,000 bales, against 140,841 last week and 121,066 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans were 3,053 bales, against 6,191 last year and at Houston 5,146 bales, against 2,621 last yeai.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 5 points lower; middling uplands 9.80; middling gulf 10.05; no sales. Futures opened steady and closed barely steady.

Month.	Open.	Close.
February	——	9.43
March	9.48-49	9.45
April	——	9.41
May	9.46	9.41
June	——	9.42
July	9.47	9.43
August	9.43	9.38
September	——	9.30
October	9.37	9.31
November	——	9.27
December	9.34	9.27
January	9.31-32	9.24

PORT MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Galveston—Quiet, 9 9-16; net receipts 6,795; stock 146,786.

New Orleans—Easy, 9 9-16; net receipts 3,053; stock 261,936.

Mobile—Steady, 9 7-16; net receipts 779; stock 59,446.

Savannah—Quiet and steady, 9 5-16; net receipts 2,124; stock 108,244.

Charleston—Firm, 9 3-16; net receipts 106; stock 21,016.

Wilmington—Quiet, 9 3-16; net receipts 199; stock 7,777.

Norfolk—Steady, 9 9-16; net receipts 1,056; stock 34,781.

Baltimore—Nominal, 9 5-8; stock 26,853.

New York—Quiet, 9.80; stock 139,603.

Boston—Quiet, 9.80.

Philadelphia—Quiet, 10.05; stock 4,393.

Port Townsend—Net receipts 855.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 14,977; Continent 2,152; Japan 855; Mexico 100; stock 808,406.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 14,977; Continent 2,152; Japan 855; Mexico 100.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 8,006,544; Great Britain 2,785,480; France 797,085; Continent 2,529,905; Japan 133,511; Mexico 8,248.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Houston—Quiet, 9 1-2; net receipts 5,148; stock 148,809.

Augusta—Dull, 9 9-16; net receipts 472; stock 82,741.

Memphis—Steady, 9 3-8; net receipts 1,765; stock 166,348.

St. Louis—Quiet, 9 5-16; net receipts 543; stock 43,039.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 185; stock 26,134.

Louisville—Firm, 9 5-8.

Little Rock—Steady, 9; net receipts 497; stock 47,840.

Total today—Net receipts 8,608; gross receipts 10,599; shipments 11,658; sales 2,901; stock 508,911.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Feb. 20.—Closing cotton, spot in limited demand; prices two points lower. American middling fair 5.67; good middling 5.31; middling 5.11; low middling 4.91; good ordinary 4.51; ordinary 4.16. The sales of the day were 4,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 3,400 American. Receipts 26,000 bales, including 21,500 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed steady. February 5.03; February and March 5.02; March and April 5.03; April and May 5.04; May and June 5.05 1-2; June and July 5.06 1-2; July and August 5.07; August and September 5.01 1-2; September and October 4.97 1-2; October and November 4.95; November and December 4.93; December and January 4.92; January and February 4.91. Additional sales made the trade late yesterday amounted to 5,000 bales, all American.

THE DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20.—The third series of excursions arranged by Merchants' Association began today and the number of buyers in this market will be greatly augmented during the week. The buying is steady, the jobbing houses being favored with a very good trade. The primary cotton goods market remains quiet and firm. White goods are active with agents and secondary houses. The linen demand is brisk and brown crashes have been advanced 1-2c a yard by Scotch manufacturers.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New ork, Feb. 20.—The steel trade situation was the one subject of discussion in the stock market today. The chaotic condition into which the steel trade has been thrown by the announced determination of the United States Steel Corporation to modify prices in such wise as is necessary to secure business is fully equaled by the confusion of speculative opinion as to the results to be apprehended from this action. Railroad stocks were relatively little affected by the demoralization in the Steel Industrials and there was a groping effort to read only advantages for the railroads in the making of an open market for steel products. Suggestions that an object lesson was intended to influence the pending tariff revision were considered with uneasiness as were the possibilities of wage reductions and resulting labor troubles. Some of the minor steel companies' stocks were much demoralized and slumped violently. The fall in United States Steel was more restrained, influenced by the world-wide participation in the market for that stock. The flood of liquidation in United States Steel was constant, however, and its last price of 46 was the lowest of the day. The break in Colorado Fuel reached over 7 points, Republic Steel preferred 6 and the common more than 4 points. Pennsylvania suffered a decline of 2 1-2 points in accordance with the large proportion of its traffic which is made up of steel and steel products. Outside of this and Reading's 2 point decline the losses in the railroad list were moderate.

Bonds were irregular with very heavy dealings in the Southern Railway improvement 5s. Total sales, par value, were $4,112,000. United States 2s registered declined 1-4 and the coupon advanced 1-4 per cent. on call during the week. Total sales of stocks were 510,200 shares, including: Atlantic Coast Line, 800; Chesapeke & Ohio 5,400, and Louisville & Nashville 3,300.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20.—Money on call nominal. Time loans dull and easy; 60 day 2 1-2 to 2 3-4 per cent.; 90 days 2 3-4 to 3 per cent.; six months 3 to 3 1-4 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 3 1-2 to 4 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.8525 for 60 day bills and at 4.8775 to4.8780 for demand; commercial bills 4.84 1-2 to 4.84 3-8; bar silver 50 3-4; Mexican dollars 44.

WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold $13,545,075 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is an increase of $4,047,275 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans $1,319,330,100, decrease $6,985,300; deposits 1,373,778,900, decrease $4,634,700; circulation $488,770,000, decrease $162,300; legal tenders $81,304,000, increase $1,095,900; specie $275,685,800, increase $1,792,700; reserve $356,989,800, increase $2,888,600; reserve required $343,444,725, decrease $1,158,675; surplus $13,545,075, increase $4,047,275; ex-U. S. deposits $14,292,375, increase $3,972,050. The percentage of actual reserve of the clearing house banks today was 26.19.

The statement of banks and trust companies of Greater New York not reporting to the clearing house shows that these institutions have aggregate deposits of $1,232,037,600; total cash on hand, $155,843,800, and loans amounting to $1,104,775,000.

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	101
U. S. refunding 2s cou	101 1-2
U. S. 3s reg	100 3-4
U. S. 3s cou	100 3-4
U. S. 4s reg	119
U. S. 4s reg	120
Amr. Tobacco Co. 6s	106 3-4
Atlantic Coast Line 4s b	97
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	101
L. & N. Unified 4s	102 1-4
Seaboard Air Line 4s b	65
Southern Railway 5s	112
U. S. Steel 5s	103 3-4

Closing Stock Lists.

Amalgamated Copper	72 5-8
Amr. Car & Foundry	46 1-4
Amr. Car & Foundry pfd	108
Amr. Cotton Oil Co	53
Amr. Locomotive	51
Amr. Smelting & Ref	84 1-8
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	102 3-4
Amr. Sugar Refining	129 1-2
Atchison	101 1-4
Atchison pfd	101 7-8
Atlantic Coast Line	116
Baltimore & Ohio	107 5-8
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	92 1-2
Chesapeake & Ohio pfd	65 1-2
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	144 3-4
Colorado & Southern	62
Erie	28 3-4
Erie 1st pfd	44 1-4
Erie 2nd pfd	34
Great Northern pfd	140 3-4
Kansas City Southern	40 3-8
Kansas City Southern pfd	70 1-2
L. & N.	127
Northern Pacific	138
Pennsylvania	128 1-2
People's Gas	111 1-8
Reading	128 1-2
Rock Island Co	23 1-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	62
Southern Pacific	117 1-8
Southern Pacific pfd	120 3-4
Southern Railway	24 1-4
Southern Railway pfd	63
Standard Oil Co	640
Union Pacific	177 1-8
U. S. Steel	46
U. S. Steel pfd	109 3-4
Va.-Car. Chemical	44 5-8
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	112 1-2
Western Union	66 1-4
Westinghouse Electric Co	79

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20.—Flour higher.

Rye Flour—Firm.

Buckwheat and Buckwheat Flour—Dull.

Rye and Barley—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Wheat—Irregular; No. 2 red 1.21 elevator. Options 1-8c net higher. May 1.19; July 1.09.

Corn—Steady. Options 5-8 to 3-4c net lower. May 72 7-8c; July 72 1-4; Sept. 71 3-4.

Oats—Firm.

Beef, Cut Meats, Lard, Pork and Molasses—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Sugth—Raw nominal; fair refining 3.11 to 3.17.

Coffee—Firm, Rio No. 7, 8 to 8 1-8c; Santos No. 4, 8 5-8. Mild—Steady; Cordova 9 1-2 to 12. Futures closed steady net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Butter—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Unsettled and lower. State, Pennsylvania and nearby selected white 31 to 32; do fair to choice 29 to 30; brown and mixed fancy 30; do fair to choice 28 to 29.

Potatoes and Cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Freights and Peanuts—Unchanged.

Cotton Seed Oil—Higher on strength of crude and demand from shorts. Prime crude 4.40; prime summer yellow 5.40 to 5.48; prime white 5.45 to 5.95; prime winter yellow 5.75 to 6.35; off summer yellow 5.35 to 5.45; good off summer yellow 5.35 to 5.45.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Wheat for May delivery sold here today at 1.16 1-4 per bushel, overtopping by 3-4c the high record mark for the season recorded during the previous session. The gain, however, was not maintained, the market weakening under heavy realizing sales. At the close prices were 1-2c lower to 1-8 to 1-4c higher, compared with yesterday's final quotations. Corn, oats, and provisions closed weak.

	Opening.	Highest.	Closing.
Wheat—			
May	1 15 3-4	1 16 1-4	1 15 3-4
July	1 01 1-4	1 01 1-4	1 00 3-4
Sept	96 3-8	96 3-8	95 3-4
Corn—			
May	65 7-8	65 7-8	65 1-2
July	65 1-8	65 1-8	64 7-8
Sept	65	65 1-8	64 3-4
Oats—			
May	55 1-8	55 1-8	54 3-4
July	49 3-4	49 3-4	49 3-8
Sept	41	41	40 1-8
Mess Pork, per bbl.—			
May	16 95	16 95	16 92 1-2
July	17 00	17 00	17 00
Lard, per 100 lbs.—			
May	9 67 1-2	9 67 1-2	9 67 1-2
July	9 80	9 80	9 80
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—			
May	8 92 1-2	8 92 1-2	8 87 1-2
July	9 05	9 05	9 02 1-2

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20.—Rosin and Turpentine steady.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 20.—Turpentine quiet 40 1-2. Rosin quiet. Quote: A. B. C. 2.90; D, 2.92 1-2; E, 2.95 1-2.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 20.—Turpentine nominal 41; receipts 35; shipments 20.

Rosin firm; sales 627; receipts 635; shipments 389; stock 161,369. Quote: A. B. C. 3.00; D. and E, 3.05; F. and G, 3.10; H, 3.45; I, 3.90; K, 4.85; M, 5.60; N, 6.15; WG, 6.35; WW, 6.35.

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BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 20, 1909.

C. C. Railroad—30 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—53 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—116 bales, cotton, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. Alice—14 casks spirits turpentine, 66 barrels rosin, 3 barrels tar.

Schr Bessie Moore—1 cask spirits turpentine, 6 barrels rosin, 4 barrels tar.

Total—199 bales cotton, 17 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 7 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

Read Star Business Locals.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels Now In Port of Wilmington, N. C.

Khalif (Br.) 2,219 tons, Watts, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Royal Exchange (Br.) 1,320 tons, Rutherford, Heide & Co.

Schooners.

Chas. H. Valentine, 535 tons, Walker, C. D. Maffitt.

Augusta W. Snow, 671 tons, Armstrong, C. D. Maffitt.

ARMOUR GETS CONTRACT

Canned Corn Beef Will be Furnished Under Army's Supervision.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

London, Feb. 10.—British authorities have at last had their confidence restored in American canned meat products. The correspondent of the Daily News learned today that the war office has accorded to Armour & Co., a contract for canned corned beef extending for three years and running into large figures. The initial delivery, amounting to between 500,000 and 1,000,000 pounds, will be made next summer. The goods will be put up under the supervision of British army officers.

Washington Once Gave Up to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed then "Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured me," writes John Washington, of Vasqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles it' supreme. 25c at R. R. Bellamy.

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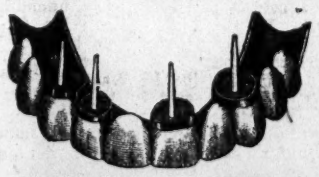

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EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE.

Having qualified as executrix of the estate of Sophia Gibbs Campbell, deceased, late of the County of New Hanover, this is to notify all persons owing the estate to make prompt settlement to the undersigned and all persons having claims against the estate to present same to me on or before the 17th day of January, 1910, or else this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

ANNIE E. BAILEY, Executrix.

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A SOUTHERNER IN THE CABINET

J. M. Dickinson, of Tennessee, as Secretary of War.

OTHER CABINET OFFICERS

Secretaries of Commerce and Labor and of Interior Chosen—Dickinson an Anti-Bryan Democrat—Fact Known.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Cincinnati, O., Feb. 20.—President-elect W. H. Taft left his native city the last time before his inauguration on the Pennsylvania Railroad at 3:10 o'clock this afternoon going direct to Philadelphia where he is to deliver an address on Monday.

Columbus, O., Feb. 20.—J M. Dickinson, of Tennessee will be Secretary of War in the Taft Cabinet.

Charles Nagel, of St. Louis, will be Mr. Taft's Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

R. A. Ballinger will be Secretary of the Interior.

This statement is not made upon the announcement of Mr. Taft, but its correctness may be accepted without question.

Mr. Nagel was a caller upon the President-elect Friday and Mr. Dickinson had a conference with him today.

Mr. Taft will permit of no announcement from him as to these conclusions. It has been known for some time, however, that he had practically decided upon Mr. Nagel's appointment, and the interview yesterday bears all the earmarks of having been arranged for the express purpose of an offer and acceptance.

Mr. Dickinson came to Cincinnati from Chicago today. He has not been under consideration as a Cabinet possibility for so long a time, but has been personally and most favorably known by Mr. Taft for many years. His eminent legal record and acknowledged ability are such as to commend him peculiarly to Mr. Taft Mr. Dickinson is a Tennesseean, although temporarily residing in Chicago, where his duties as general solicitor of the Illinois Central Railway system required his presence. He is a Democrat, although always having opposed Bryan.

At Xenia, Ohio, Mr. Taft's car was surrounded by an eager crowd and he came out on the back platform and asked for the support and prayers of the people that the duties of the responsible position he is about to assume may be discharged for the best good of all.

Mr. Taft will reach Philadelphia in the morning and will be the guest of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell. Mr. Taft will join her husband there, coming from New York, where she has been spending a few days.

On Monday Mr. Taft will make an address before the Pennsylvania University and leave for New York Tuesday.

STOCK EXCHANGE INVESTIGATIO

Receiver of A. O. Brown & Co. Before the Hughes Committee.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Feb. 20.—The committee appointed by Gov. Hughes to investigate methods of transaction of business in the New York Stock Exchange had before it today former Congressman Chas. E. Littlefield, receiver of the defunct brokerage firm of A. O. Brown & Co. He gave the committee a detailed account of the transaction of the firm leading up to its failure last August.

"The nature of the information given to us today by Mr. Littlefield, especially of the firm's black Saturday, was, of course, strictly confidential. Our object was not to learn of the individuals concerned in the transactions at the time of the Brown failure. We are pursuing our investigations for the purpose of suggesting, if possible, any improvement in the present methods of conducting business exchanges in the city. For our purpose the names of the participants might just as well have been represented by algebraic characters. We did not care to know who A. B. and C. were in the transactions. The people involved would have been equally well understood if the participants had been X. Y. and Z."

THE COUNTRY WHITE HOUSE

Bill For its Erection on West Point Reservation.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—"The Country White House," is the designation to be given an official summer residence and office building for the use of the President of the United States, proposed in a bill recently introduced by Representative Landis, of Indiana.

The bill purposes that the proposed building shall be erected on the United States Military Reservation at West point, N. Y., and that it shall be constructed and furnished according to plans under the direction of the Secretary of War. The sum of $250,000 is appropriated and is made immediately available to carry out the provisions of the bill.

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THE TWO FLEETS UNITE

Wireless Message to This Effect From the North Carolina—All in Readiness For Welcoming Home-Coming Tomorrow.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Fort Monroe, Va., Feb. 20.—When the saluting guns on the forward bridge of the armored cruiser North Carolina boomed 13 times today in honor of the blue flag of Rear Admiral Sperry on the battleship Connecticut, the combined naval forces that are to enter the Virginia capes on Monday morning to be reviewed by President Roosevelt in celebration of the world cruise of 16 American battleships were completed. Wireless signals received from the North Carolina and her junior consort, the Montana, early today told of the approach to the main body of the fleet of the last two ships sent to welcome the home-coming vessels.

The wireless station at the Norfolk Navy Yard could not pick up the fleet direct either last night or today, owing to static interference in the atmosphere, but the messages from the North Carolina was sufficient to indicate that the fleet is near enough to the Virginia capes tonight to insure its arrival off the entrance to Hampton Roads some time tomorrow.

The fleet will lay to or maneuver off the Capes tomorrow afternoon and evening and will get under way Monday morning in time to pass into home water and begin filing by the Mayflower exactly at the hour indicated.

The social feature of the fleet's return and stay in the Roads is to be as notable as the departure. From Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Richmond and Norfolk large parties have arrived for "Fleet Week" and every room in the hotels is taken and many persons were turned away today at the Chamberlain.

The problem of providing for the countless hundreds who will be here on Monday is worrying the hotel managers and authorities.

As the time of the fleet's arrival draws near the excitement in all the cities bordering on Hampton Roads is becoming intense.

Washington's Birthday is to be celebrated as a holiday more generally than ever before in this section and all the residents of Norfolk, Newport News, Hampton, and other cities who can possibly do so will each be afloat or herded along the shores of the roadstead to witness the impressive arrival of the ships.

According to advices received here, the Georgia is not the only one of the 16 battleships that is coming home in command of the executive officer. Captain Hamilton Hutchins, who sailed with the Kearsarge from here all the way to Gibraltar, became ill there and asked for relief.

THE INAUGURAL PARADE.

Over Thirty-one Thousand Men Will be In Line.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—More than 31,000 men will march in the inaugural parade March 4th, according to official reports made to the inauguration committee at a meeting held yesterday.

There will be approximately 22,000 soldiers, sailors and marines of the regular service, National guardsmen and independent military bodies, including the Cadets from West Point and Annapolis in the military division.

Up to date 45 organizations of white men and nine of colored men, have applied for positions in line, as well as one body of Indians. These with their musicians will number about 9,000.

BRYAN WOULD RUN AGAIN

If Democrats Should Demand It—Will Be Ready in 1912.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Denver, Feb. 20.—"Everybody who knows anything or who has any sense at all, knows how I stand in the matter of being a candidate for the presidency for the fourth time," said William J. Bryan today when asked if he would again be a candidate.

"I am not an out and out candidate, but if the people of this country, and my own party should demand that I make the race again, standing for my well known principles and ideas, why, I do not very well see how I could refuse.

"Still four years is a long time, and meanwhile I have other important work to do."

HARRIMAN'S APPROPRIATION

To Reimburse Him for Expeditures Directed by Government.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Feb. 20.—Senator Flint has reached the conclusion that there is no chance at the present session for the passage of the bill making an appropriation to reimburse E. H. Harriman for the expenditures made under his direction by the Southern Pacific Railroad to control the overflow waters of the Salton Sea. The amount expended is about $2,000,000, and President Roosevelt has been very anxious that the obligation be discharged as Mr. Harriman came to the the relief of the Government in repairing the damage when there was no appropriation under which the Government could do the work. While no specific opposition was urged against the bill consent for its passage has been refused several times by different Senators.

Mrs. Henry St. John Smith, of Portland, Me., was the winner of the third annual St. Valentine's Golf tournament for women in yesterday's final round at Pinehurst, N. C., with Mrs. George H. Converse, of Brae Burn, who won the qualification gold medal in Wednesday's play.

Money

Awaiting investment need not be idle. 4 per cent Compound interest, can be earned on it during the waiting period if deposited in The People's Savings Bank. Deposits made now will bear interest from March 1st. 3t

DEFENDANTS' DAY IN COOPER TRIAL

Robbin Cooper, Testifies in Behalf of The Defense.

HIS VERSION OF SHOOTING

Says He Shot in Self-defense—Carmack Shot at Him Twice Before He Shot—Denies Any Conspiracy Against Carmack.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 20.—This was the defense's day in the trial of the Coopers and Sharp, charged with the murder of former United States Senator Carmack. Only one witness was examined, the boyish defendant, Robin J. Cooper, and he made a splendid witness.

When court opened it was expected that the State would offer one or more of its missing witnesses. At least three arrived last night, but the Attorney General decided either not to use them at all, or to save them for his big conspiracy fight in rebuttal. Both sides seemed sparring for time at the opening of the day's session. Finally the State's attorney appeared.

Then the defense asked for 30 minutes indulgence. The time was required in order that an X-ray photograph might be taken to learn if the bullet which Robin Cooper received in the shoulder was still there. Dr. Fort thought it was and so testified. However, the day after the shooting Robin Cooper found a bullet in the bed near his knees at the St. Thomas hospital. It was a 38-caliber bullet. The gun found near Senator Carmack's body with two empty shells is a 38-caliber.

The defense evidently wanted to be sure that the X-ray showed no bullet in Robin's shoulder before they produced the missile found in the boy's bed. In this connection the State has an interesting theory that the revolver found near Carmack's body was not the one forced upon the dead editor by one of his staff a few hours before he was shot. The one picked up is a blue steel 38-caliber. Colonel Cooper's revolver secured a day or two later is a nickeled 38-caliber and apparently had never been discharged.

As soon as the X-ray plate had been developed and disclosed no trace of a bullet the defense announced its readiness and called young Cooper to the stand. He answered every question with a deliberateness and caution that at times seemed to exasperate his counsel, Judge Anderson, and put him in the light of an unwilling witness. But there is no doubt that his evident sincerity made a very strong impression on both jury and spectators. His cross-examination was postponed until Monday when it will consume most of the day.

He said he practiced law in the office of his uncle, James Bradford, and that on November 9th, the day of the Carmack shooting, his father called at Bradford's office in the forenoon "Papa told me," he testified, "he was afraid he was going to have trouble with Mr. Carmack. I asked him why. He said, in substance, that Mr. Carmack in his paper had been printing editorials attacking his character and as he put it, shooting poisoned arrows. He said it was becoming unendurable. He said he had seen Mr. Craig the night before and told him to tell Carmack that he must cease using his name in his paper. He said Mr. Craig returned and said he had seen Carmack, but Carmack would agree to nothing. As I remember it, Mr. Craig said to papa that Carmack was in a vicious humor or mood." Robin said his father also told Craig to tell Carmack that unless he ceased using his name the town was not big enough to hold them both.

"I was greatly worried," the witness continued, "and I said I believed my uncle could bring influences to bear to show Carmack the injustice of his course. It was then that papa said: 'He had no right to use my name and I have a right to protect myself.'"

Robin said after his talk he telephoned his sister, Mrs. Burch, for the purpose of getting her to find his father and keep him off the streets.

"Why did you wish him kept off the streets?"

"I feared Mr. Carmack might have resented the message papa sent him and that there might be trouble."

"Did you get a pistol that day?"

"I did. I got it from my uncle, Robin Jones. I called him up and asked him if he had one. The message father sent Carmack was very strong and knowing Carmack as I did I feared he would resent it. I could not find papa. I knew he was on the streets so at noon my uncle brought me the automatic revolver. I determined to find my father and if he must be on the streets to stay near him and protect him."

At 3 o'clock he again saw his father in Bradford's office.

"How long did you stay there?"

"Until father and I left."

"Where did your father say he was going?"

"To the Mansion to see Governor Patterson."

"Why was he going there?"

"To meet Governor Patterson and Mustin Cooley, at Governor Patterson's request."

"Did your father want you to go along?"

"He did not."

"Why?"

"He did not apprehend any trouble as he thought it was in process of settlement. He did not apprehend that he would meet Carmack."

Witness detailed the walk from Bradford's office to the scene of the shooting. "Papa spoke to several people on the way. I saw John Tyndall, the newsboy, but neither of us said anything about "getting" anyone.

"At the middle of the alley intercepting the Arcade we met John D. Sharp and Representative Mathews. We stopped and talked. I had not seen Mr. Sharp for a long time."

Witness said they walked on in the direction of the Governor's Mansion, Mr. Sharp accompanying them.

"Were you expecting to meet John Sharp that day?"

"We were not."

"When we got to Vine street, or Seventh avenue, I saw Mr. Carmack down on Seventh avenue near Church street, a block away. I turned to Mr. Sharp and said: 'There comes Senator Carmack; don't let papa see him.' I whispered it and then to papa I said: 'Let's hurry up, papa.'

"When papa came up to me I got him by the arm and turned towards the Governor's Mansion. I began to hurry him and he pulled away saying, 'What's the matter with you,' then he turned and exclaimed: 'Say, is that Senator Carmack? Yes, I'll go over and talk to him now.'.

"I said, 'Or, no papa, you must not now.'

"He said, 'I know Carmack; he knows me, there will be no trouble.' I let him go about 20 feet. I did not know what to do, then I went over to him."

"If you believed his mission was peaceful why did you go with him?"

"Because he was my father and I believed it my duty to protect him as he was unable to protect himself."

"Father turned over and got on the sidewalk. I followed him in the streets and got in the direction of the two posts. Papa was on the sidewalk, I was in the street almost even with him.

"Senator Carmack was about to pass Mrs. Eastman and was putting his hat back on his head. Papa spoke to him as he was passing her without expecting to speak. Papa said: 'Senator Carmack,' and instantly the Senator drew his revolver.

"It came out instantly just like this." The witness illustrated the motion. "It paralyzed me for a minute and I sprang towards papa as Carmack began to back towards the pole.

"As I jumped a shot exploded in my face. The bullet struck my necktie and went into my shoulder. I went after my gun which was in my overcoat pocket. The second shot went through my sleeve and entered the post. I slipped around the post and found Carmack aiming at me again."

"What did you do then?"

"I began firing. I fired three times as fast as I could, leaning against the post with my left hand. I saw Carmack reel and fall and I quit firing."

"Why did you stop?"

"Because I saw that he was hit."

"Did your father say anything about a coward?"

"Yes, sir. As Carmack drew his revolver and got behind Mrs. Eastman he said something about a coward, hiding behind a woman's skirts."

"Where was your attention centered?"

"On Carmack and father."

"Did you see a pistol in your father's hand up to the time Carmack began to shoot?"

"No sir."

"Did your father say to Carmack: 'Now you are here, we have the drop on you'?"

"No sir. No such expression was used. The only expression was about a coward. The whole thing was over in a minute. I jumped eight or ten feet before I was shot and I moved very quickly. Papa put his arm around me and led me away."

"Did anyone fire a shot before Senator Carmack?"

"No sir; Carmack fired two shots first and I fired three. That was all that was fired—five shots."

The witness then described his wounds and testified about the X-ray examination. Later his counsel asked:

"At the time you shot Senator Carmack did you not believe that your life was in danger?"

"I believed if I had not done so he would have killed me. I think in another instant he would have shot me again."

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